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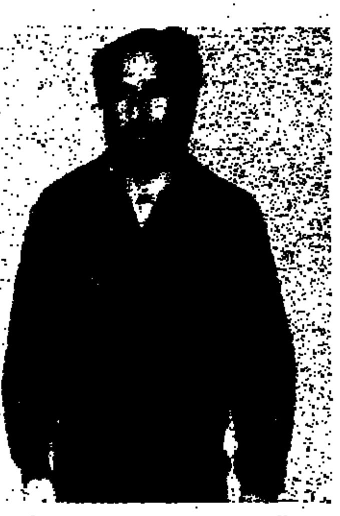
Threat to kill Beirut hostage

BEIRUT. – A pro-Iranian underground Moslem group said yesterday it has begun trying a French hostage and "will hand down the just sentence to execute him within 48 hours."

The new threat from "Revolutionary Justice" came in a two-page handwritten Arabic statement delivered to the independent Beirut newspaper *An-Nahar* at nightfall, along with a photograph of French hostage Jean-Louis Normandin.

The terrorist group said in a handwritten statement that it had declared war on France.



This photograph of hostage Jean-Louis Normandin was delivered to news agencies in Beirut last week (Reuter)

The terrorist group said on Thursday that it would "judge and execute" Normandin in 48 hours unless French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac "clarified" statements made by President Francois Mitterrand, in which he mentioned military aid to Iraq and rejected any deals with terrorists.

Normandin, 35, was kidnapped in West Beirut on March 8, 1986. Three colleagues seized at the same

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Children from Kiryat Arba retrieved their toboggan from cold storage to take advantage of the snow that fell on Friday. (Gustavo Feinblatt, Media)

More storms ahead

By ANDY COURT
and DAVID RUDGE

A soggy new week will follow the frigid weekend in which snow, hail, rain, and gale-force winds lashed many parts of the country, causing power failures and traffic disruptions.

Heavy snow fell in the Golan Heights, blocking several roads in the region. On Mt. Hermon, snow accumulated to a depth of 1.20 metres – a record for the season. Beersheba received, in the course of the past 72 hours, more rain than it normally does during all of March. Jerusalem and Safad had their first snow of the year, but it did not settle long after hitting the ground.

The weatherman predicts on-again, off-again rains today, tomorrow and Tuesday. Temepratures will rise somewhat today, but it will still remain cold – around 6 degrees Celsius in the Galilee and Golan, 8 in Jerusalem, 17 in Tel Aviv and 18 in Beersheba.

The convergence of cold air from two low pressure systems – one over

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No generation gap for Shamir

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Shamir says there is no reason why Herut politicians now in their forties should have to wait "a generation or more" to reach the ranks of top leadership.

"We have an impressive reservoir of ability," he said last week in a conversation with this reporter. "They are men who are suitable to fill leadership positions. I don't say my aim is to 'skip' a generation – but who says that men in their forties must wait a generation or more *to get to the top?*"

The premier was referring to Likud-Herut MKs Dan Meridor, Ehud Olmert, Ronnie Milo and others of that rising generation in Herut. Many of them are active in Shamir's "camp" within the party.

He said he preferred not to use the term "grooming" in relation to his hopes for these men and for the leadership of Herut. "I did not give birth to them.... But I like them and support them – even when they disagree with me."

In oblique references to the battle for the leadership/succession, Shamir said that a leader cannot be chosen by his predecessor: he must evolve naturally.

Still, "everyone tries to have an influence on things that matter to him," he said, and he would try to exert his own influence on this matter eventually.

He said that Menachem Begin's legacy should still serve to guide the party away from the two dangers of populism and political extremism. "He moulded the movement in a way that prevented either form of radicalism."

Shamir said he was hopeful of achieving "maximal consensus" at the upcoming party convention. "I think I'm getting there." This would "facilitate the normal development [of leadership] in our camp," he said.

Israel could get China's coal instead of Pretoria's

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Minister Peres said last night that Israel "could buy coal from China and Australia," and was not bound to South African coal.

Answering questions at Hadassah's "Meet the Press" event in the capital, Peres said that on the question of sanctions against South Africa, Israel was closer to the European approach than to the [more far-reaching] American one. But Israel would follow any decision taken by the West.

The Jerusalem Post's correspondent in Washington adds:

Congressmen have raised the possibility of cutting military aid to Israel by the amount Israel earns from its military cooperation with South Africa. The proposal was raised prior to the publication of the presidential report on military cooperation with South Africa by countries that receive U.S. military aid. The report is expected to deal in detail with Israel's military contacts with Pretoria.

The report is expected to be submitted to President Reagan by April 1. Its findings are to be kept secret.

Congressional circles said it would be difficult to calculate the exact amount of revenue Israel earns from its military ties with South Africa. The money comes from arms sales, consultancy and provision of advisers, joint arms development.

It is estimated that Israel earns between $200m. and $500m. from these ties.

'Mistakes' in Pollard affair

Peres: Probe results will be binding

Jerusalem Post Staff

Even as the government-appointed panel starts probing the Pollard affair this week, Foreign Minister Peres has indicated that the reassignment of spy master Rafael Eitan and the promotion of Air Force Colonel Aviem Sella were "mistakes."

"The recommendations of the panel will, in effect, be binding on the government, although not legally so," Peres said last night, addressing a "Meet the Press" evening organized by the Hadassah organization as part of its Diamond Jubilee mission at Binyenei Ha'uma.

Asked why the Israel embassy had refused to grant Jonathan Pollard asylum, Peres said, "The embassy was as surprised as anyone else. We don't want American Jews to spy for Israel, so why create an impression that we're for it?"

In an answer to another question on when the political echelon would assume responsibility, Peres countered: "Where did we go wrong? Where did we violate the law? There was no cabinet approval of this case of espionage."

Asked whether the investigating panel would probe the political echelon's knowledge of the operation, Peres replied: "I can't speak for the panel, but if they ask my advice I'd say 'yes.' I have no doubt that they will confirm our contention that we were in complete ignorance of it."

But Peres was evasive about what he had meant in his Friday night TV interview when he had referred to the "unbearable mistakes" made in the Pollard affair.

Among Knesset members, a political row was shaping up last night as Likud faction chairman Haim Kaufman came out against a call by coalition chairman Rafi Edri (Alignment), who wants the coalition executive to convene to force the government into committing itself to accept the panel's recommendations as binding.

On Friday, Premier Shamir met briefly with the panel's two members, former chief of general staff Zvi Tsur and attorney and Press Council chairman Yehoshua Rotenstreich.

Shamir told the panel he wanted the probe carried out with the utmost regard for secrecy. He also said he wanted the report "as soon as

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UK flap over 'Mossad forgery scam'

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. – Britain reportedly uncovered an Israeli plot to supply forged British passports to Mossad agents for their use when sent on "hit missions" abroad.

The Sunday Times reports today that the discovery has led to a furious diplomatic row, and an Israeli apology and assurances that it will not use British cover again.

Eight forged passports were discovered by chance last summer in a telephone booth in West Germany, the paper reports. The bag contained envelopes linking the passports to an Israeli embassy, the paper said. All the documents in the bag were handed over to a British diplomat in Germany and brought back to London.

The passports, which were blank, were found to be high-quality forgeries.

Officials from the Foreign Ministry and the Prime Minister's Office were not available for comment last night.

The paper states that an irate Britain's Foreign Office minister, Timothy Renton, summoned Israel's ambassador to London, Yehuda Avner, and delivered a strong protest over the forged documents. *The Sunday Times* quotes the Foreign Office as saying that Renton sought an assurance from the Israeli government that "such behaviour would not be allowed to happen again."

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Call for probe of Syrian massacre

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. – Syrian troops in Tripoli massacred over 200 people – most of them Sunni Moslems – in a 36-hour period around December 20 last year, according to reliable information received by Amnesty International. Amnesty has called on the Syrian government to investigate the massacre in the northern Lebanese city. It apparently took place after a Lebanese militia group killed 15 Syrian soldiers.

According to Amnesty's information, Syrian forces reacted to the killings of their troups by sealing off the Sunni district to the west of the city. Several local residents were then gunned down in isolated clashes with the Syrian troops, but the vast majority – unarmed women and children – were killed by Syrian troops and commandos using machine-guns, grenades and tanks.

The Syrian forces searched Sunni homes, dragged civilians into the street and summarily executed them, Amnesty reported. The bodies were later found dumped in mass graves and on the city's refuse pile.

Apart from the 200-plus who died, several hundred other Tripoli residents were reportedly taken away by the Syrians, and they are still missing.

Questioned by the UN Human Rights Commission on March 4, the Syrian government said that "attacks by a certain militia" on its forces in Lebanon "necessitated self-defence."

Amnesty this weekend urged Damascus for a prompt investigation of these killings, and also expressed concern over reports of the February 25 shooting of 23 Hizbullah supporters in Beirut by the Syrians. The human rights organization also called on the Syrians to report on the fate of 100 detainees handed over to them by Amal late in February, whose whereabouts are unknown.

Israel is on verge of big upset in Davis Cup

Israel's Davis Cup team is on the verge of pulling off a major tennis upset, and gaining, in the process, one of the finest-ever sports achievements by an Israeli national team.

After two days of play in Hradec Kralove, Czechoslovakia, Israel lead the Czechs 2-1 in the first round of their World Group tie.

If Israel win one of today's two final singles matches, they play the winner of the Argentina-India tie and earn the right to remain in the World grouping next year.

Israel jumped to a 2-0 lead on Friday night behind the strong singles play of Amos Mansdorf and Shlomo Glickstein. Mansdorf beat the Czechs' top racket, Miloslav Mecir, who is ranked sixth in the world, while Glickstein emerged victorious when Milan Srejber pulled out with an injury with the score 3-2 in the fifth set.

Amos Mansdorf sweeps in a backhand drive on his way to a stunning victory over Czechoslovakia's No. 1 player Miloslav Mecir. (Reuter)

Yesterday, the Czech doubles pairing of Mecir and Tomas Smid came back to beat Mansdorf and Glickstein in four sets.

In today's first match, Glickstein faces the formidable Mecir. In the second, and possible deciding singles match, Mansdorf will play Karel Novacek, who replaces the injured Srejber.

In their three meetings last year, Mansdorf won twice.

Despite the best efforts of their Czech hosts, whose hospitality has been commendable, yesterday's match was marred when a small group of five or six Libyan students unfurled a banner reading "Israel out of Palestine" and began shouting anti-Israel slogans.

The crowd of 2,500, though strongly partisan for the home squad, booed and shouted down the anti-Israel demonstrators.

For match reports and analysis see Ori Lewis's dispatches from Hradec Kralove on Page 7.

Reagan: Shultz, Weinberger were right

WASHINGTON (AP). – President Ronald Reagan said yesterday that Secretary of State George Shultz and Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger both advised him strongly against selling arms to Iran but he went ahead

In his weekly radio address, Reagan made no direct reference to the report by the commission led by former Sen. John Tower. The Tower Report said that Shultz and Weinberger, while opposing the sales, served the president poorly by distancing themselves from the operation.

But he praised the two cabinet secretaries as "men of strong conviction" and added, "They have never hesitated to give me their unvarnished views on national security issues under consideration."

"In the case of the Iran arms sale matter, both Secretary Shultz and Secretary Weinberger advised me strongly not to pursue the initiative," Reagan said. "I weighed their advice and decided in the end that the initiative was worth the risk and went forward.

"As we know, it turned out they were right and I was wrong."

'Fled to Israel'

Broker won't face probers in Britain

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. – The man at the centre of a British government inquiry into insider trading by civil servants has fled to Israel to avoid questioning by Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) investigators, it has been learned.

Jonathan Greenwood, 28, a City share broker, is thought to have been involved in a network which used information leaked from the DTI and the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) to make highly profitable share dealings. Greenwood denied involvement in such a network but fled to Israel as soon as the DTI announced in December that it was investigating the affair. He told the British press on Friday that he had no intention of returning to Britain.

The Greenwopod affair is the second City financial scandal in less than a week to involve Israel.

Early last week, the Israeli-born head of Meryll Lynch's London acquisitions and mergers department, Nahum Vaskevitch, was charged in New York with insider trading by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Vaskevitch is alleged to have passed confidential information to investor David Sofer.

Greenwood is said to have received privileged information about takeover bids from his sister, a secretary at the O.T. But in a telephone interview reported in *The Times*, he said: "My sister did not pass me any secret information. She is innocent and so am I. She has not been suspended officially or reprimanded."

Greenwood admitted, however, that he did deal in the shares of several companies where the OFT made crucial decisions on takeovers. "But I didn't deal on the basis of inside information," he said.

"I have done some very, very cheeky and even naughty share deals but I haven't done anything illegal," he said.

Greenwood has admitted buying shares in three companies involved in takeovers, including Hillsdown Holding's bid for the S&W Berisford Group.

Greenwood denied that he was in Israel to avoid questioning. He said that he was sorting out the affairs of his Israeli fiancee who was killed in a road accident last year.

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Forecast: Cloudy to partly cloudy, with rain possible.

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Jerusalem	87	1–6	8
Golan	90	4–4	6
Nahariya	–	—	–
Safad	92	1–4	6
Haifa Port	73	11–14	17
Tiberias	66	8–16	19
Nazareth	81	3–10	13
Afula	77	6–12	16
Shomron	82	2–8	12
Tel Aviv	52	8–14	17
B-G Airport	87	8–10	15
Jericho	53	9–17	20
Gaza	57	9–15	17
Beersheba	47	4–12	16
Eilat	29	9–18	22

Six killed on roads

Six people were killed and 60 injured in 54 traffic accidents last week.

All but one of the fatalities were pedestrians, including four minors. Among the seriously injured there were 43 pedestrians, including 21 minors. (Itim)

Haifa Purim parade today

HAIFA. – The traditional Archiparhitura Purim parade is to be held in the main streets of Hadar Hacarmel at three this afternoon. The parade will pass through Herzl, Hehalutz and adjoining streets, and will be joined by performers – both human and animal – from the Hungarian circus currently in town.

Also today, pupils of the Einstein and Alliance schools here will entertain patients in the Rothschild and Carmel hospitals' children's wards. Organizer Galit Gerson, 18, who is herself bedridden with juvenile arthritis, pooled resources with highschoolers Daphna Ben-Cna'an and Hagai Danenberg to buy gifts for the children.

Hungarian official here

Jerusalem Post Staff

The highest-ranking Hungarian official to visit Israel since the severing of ties between the two countries in 1967 arrived here at the end of last week.

Dr. Jeno Rande, a senior diplomat and secretary-general of the World Federation of Hungarians, is here as the guest of the association for the promotion of ties with Hungary.

According to Israeli sources, the visit was initiated by Rande, a former head of his Foreign Ministry's press office, and a former ambassador to Egypt and Austria. He had headed the World Federation of Zionists since 1985. The federation is used by the Hungarian government as a channel of communication in countries where it has no diplomatic ties.

Rande is due to meet tomorrow with the Foreign Ministry's director-general for political affairs. Yossi Beilin.

Police try to disperse angry demonstrators who blocked Jerusalem's Hebron Road Friday night after their homes were left without electricity (Dan Landau)

Protest in streets against Jerusalem electricity cuts

By ANDY COURT and DAN LANDAU

Frustrated by a power failure that left some families without heat for several hours this chilly weekend, about 100 East Talpiot residents blocked off a road leading to their neighbourhood to protest against the service they have been getting from the Jerusalem District Electricity Company (JDEC).

Mayor Teddy Kollek called on the government to finally make a decision on the politically sensitive issue of the East Jerusalem company's future.

Power blackouts affected service in parts of East Talpiot, Pisgat Ze'ev, Givat Ze'ev and the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, as well as Jericho and Bethlehem.

In East Talpiot, electricity supply was sporadic throughout Friday. By about 7:30 p.m. the only lights that could be seen were those of the Sabbath candles.

Households that were heated by electricity suffered from the cold. Some parents bundled infants in blankets and placed them in heated cars.

Police had difficulty controlling the traffic jam that resulted from Friday night's demonstration. They tried to persuade residents to disperse, but they were in a militant mood and refused to budge unless Kollek agreed to talk to them.

A convoy of about 10 cars left the scene and continued in the direction of Kollek's home in Rehavia. Wary of possible violence, police vehicles intercepted them and set up roadblocks on the street where Kollek lives.

But the mayor met a short while later with demonstrators at the Municipal Emergency Centre in the German Colony.

The residents made unsuccessful attempts to contact someone in authority at the JDEC, which services East Talpiot and to locate Energy Minister Moshe Shahal in Haifa.

Shahal later appointed two engineers to study the causes of the recent breakdowns.

Abdel Rahman, JDEC's chief engineer, said the company experienced a 20 per cent overload this weekend because of the weather and the fact that so many Jewish and Arab customers were home on Friday afternoons.

At about 3 p.m. Friday, a group of children broke an insulator on one of the company's transformers near Bethlehem, thus tripping the power line to the Gilo Station that feeds Talpiot, he said. In addition, some high-tension cables in the Old City, which date back to British times, burned out from overuse.

David Lipovitzky, chairman of the East Talpiot Neighbourhood Council, estimated that there have been at least 10 power breakdowns since January in the part of the neighbourhood served by the company.

The JDEC is the largest single Arab-owned industry in the territories, and its continued operation in non-Arab areas is a politically sensitive issue.

The Jerusalem Municipality's position is that the company's concession should be reduced for business reasons: in order to give it a chance to work out its internal and financial problems under less stress from consumers.

"People who want to make a political issue out of it can," said municipal spokesman Rafi Davara, "but both Arab and Jewish citizens suffer from the fact that the company is not capable of supplying power the way it should."

Heart patient deported despite doctor's letter

By JOEL GREENBERG

A 19-year-old Arab woman suffering from a heart ailment was deported Friday from the Gaza Strip following the expiry of her visitor's permit, despite a written statement by her Israeli doctor that she was too ill to travel.

Raja Arbea left for Egypt with her husband, Mohammed Arbea, who is a Gaza resident, and their two babies, after last-minute attempts to prevent her expulsion failed. Arbea had been given a final deadline to remove his wife Thursday morning. Instead, he travelled to the Egyptian embassy in Tel Aviv to seek assistance. When he returned home he was held for questioning until midnight by police.

Raja Arbea, who is from a Palestinian family living in Dubai, came to Gaza and married some two years ago, but has been unable to reside permanently with her husband in the area because their request for family unification was rejected. The couple's appeal to the High Court of Justice against the decision was turned down, in January, and Mohammed Arbea was told two weeks ago his wife had to leave.

Civil administration officials have repeatedly insisted that the woman leave the area, and recently threatened to remove her if she did not.

Her residence permit in Dubai has expired, and Egypt has only agreed to accept her in transit to the Gulf states.

IDF detention camp inmates complain of maltreatment

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Inmates at a recently reopened IDF detention camp in the Gaza Strip say they are being beaten and humiliated by prison guards, denied daily walks outside their cells and deprived of food and minimal hygienic conditions.

The complaints were made on Friday by a group of prisoners at the Gaza military court to lawyer Felicia Langer, who passed on their charges in a letter to Defence Minister Rabin and Attorney-General Yosef Harish.

Langer said that conditions at the camp, dubbed "Ansar II," violated the Geneva Convention, and that she would apply to the High Court of Justice if treatment at the detention centre was not improved. She said conditions there should be the same as in Israeli jails, or the camp should be dismantled.

An IDF spokesman said last night he could not yet respond to the charges.

The camp holds the youths arrested last month during a wave of disturbances in the Gaza Strip. It had been closed down in December following complaints of maltreatment.

Detainees made the following allegations on Friday:

☐ Military and Border Police occasionally beat detainees without reason, and humiliated, provoked and cursed them. One guard recently kicked a detainee in the face and the leg.

☐ Prisoners, some of whom are as young as 13, are denied daily walks outside their cells and are kept idle without access to newspapers, radios, books or writing material.

☐ Inmates are kept at the camp for open-ended periods and denied family visits. Though the camp is meant only to hold inmates until their trial, some are in fact returned to the camp after sentencing.

☐ Prisoners are not given adequate opportunities to wash and change clothes; one inmate waited 20 days until he was allowed to shower.

☐ Prisoners are given insufficient food and medical care and are allowed to use the bathroom only twice a day.

☐ Two mattresses are distributed to every three prisoners. They also receive insufficient blankets and complain of the humidity and cold.

During an IDF press tour of the camp last month, two prisoners who were brought to reporters by prison guards said they had no complaint of maltreatment, though they did mention a shortage of food.

A top military police officer at the scene said that guards acted with maximal restraint – and that inmates were allowed out of the cells daily, showered twice a week, and received changes of underclothing as well as enough blankets and food.

The officer conceded that prisoners were denied family visits and held for open-ended periods, but said they were only being held for questioning pending trial. The officer said the youngest prisoners were 14.

Canada to allow trials of alleged Nazi criminals

By NOMI MORRIS

OTTAWA. – The Canadian government announced last week that it had accepted the major recommendation of an inquiry into Nazi war criminals to allow trials in Canada for those suspected of crimes against humanity.

The report of the two-year inquiry, released Thursday, said that of more than 800 separate investigations, 20 cases should be given "urgent attention."

The inquiry commission, headed by Justice Jules Deschenes, recommended that steps be taken "toward either revocation of citizenship and deportation or criminal prosecution" in those 20 cases.

The government's decision has already done much to dissipate the antagonism between Canada's Jewish and Ukrainian communities that surfaced after the commission began its work.

The investigation concluded that estimates by Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal that 3,000 to 6,000 war criminals are living in Canada was exaggerated.

However, Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn, who released the government's response while presenting the report, said the government "must be concerned if even one individual guilty of war crimes has found a refuge from justice here."

Deschenes investigated 880 cases. In 698 cases, he said, there was insufficient evidence. He recommended further investigation in 218 cases. The identities of 29 suspects are listed in an unpublished section of the report and will not be made public unless charges are pressed.

The justice minister rejected the inquiry's recommendation that Canada consider retroactively stripping some suspects of their citizenship and deporting them.

However, Hnatshyn said amendments to the criminal code will permit prosecution in Canada for offences defined as war crimes or crimes against humanity.

The government will not negotiate new extradition treaties with countries such as the Soviet Union where no treaties currently exist, the justice minister said.

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Katyusha falls in Galilee

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ROSH HANIKRA. – A Katyusha rocket fell in Galilee late on Thursday night, causing no casualties.

It was the first rocket to fall inside Israel since the beginning of January, army sources reported.

The 122mm. Katyusha had apparently been fired from north of the security zone. A number of rockets from the same source also fell inside the security zone without causing injuries or damage.

A search was later made of the area from where they were fired.

The Katyusha attack followed the death of Seren (Captain) Rami Ben-Zvi Hakmon, who was killed in a shootout with terrorists inside the security zone in the early hours of Thursday morning. Another IDF soldier was slightly wounded in the gunfight, about six kilometres northwest of Bint J'bail village.

Hakmon, 25, was buried at his kibbutz, Ein Harod Meuhad on Friday. The funeral was attended by Chief of General Staff Rav Aluf Moshe Levy and OC Northern Command Aluf Yossi Peled.

There have been reports that Hakmon's unit did not return fire effectively. The terrorists apparently escaped without suffering casualties.

Despite Thursday's incidents, however, the security zone has been relatively quiet in recent months, with a marked reduction in terrorist activities. There has also been a dramatic drop in the number of Katyusha attacks across the Israeli border.

Sources in South Lebanon attributed the reduction in rocket attacks to "preventive action" by South Lebanese residents themselves, whose main desire is to live in peace and avoid retaliatory action by IDF and South Lebanese Army forces. The recent bad weather has also played a part in helping cut back terrorist activities.

Peled, speaking in Metulla last week, noted that the IDF and SLA actions had helped ensure the security of Israel's northern settlements since Israel's withdrawl from South Lebanon two years ago. Nobody in Israel had been killed or injured as a result of Katyusha or terrorist attacks during that period, he stressed. Peled spoke at a memorial service for 12 soldiers killed on the Lebanese side of the border two years ago when their vehicle was blasted apart in a suicide car-bomb attack.

High Court hands down 'order nisi' on Shakdiel case

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The High Court of Justice on Friday ordered Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer to show cause within 45 days why he should not appoint Lea Shakdiel to the Yeroham religious council.

Shakdiel, represented by Association for Civil Rights lawyer Yehoshua Shufman, argued in her petition that her appointment had been blocked solely because she was a woman. Last week the Chief Rabbinical Council rejected the right of women to sit on such bodies.

Shakdiel stated that the question of her appointment had been brought before Hammer but that he had not yet made a decision. Hammer, speaking after the order *nisi* was issued, said he supported Shakdiel's appointment.

Two Haredi Jerusalemites on Friday found reason to smile at the soggy, cold weather that so often comes with Purim. (Rahamim Israeli)

Washington embassy staff complain against ambassador

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. – Israeli Embassy staff in Washington are complaining of low morale and lack of leadership.

The employees last week said the embassy was like a ship without a skipper, and that Ambassador Meir Rosenne was "neither seen nor heard." At a time of crisis in Israel-U.S. ties, it was a "crime," the employees said, not to replace Rosenne, who is considered a "lame duck" since it is known that he is soon to be replaced.

The sources added that anyone who examined Rosenne's appointment book would be shocked at what the ambassador was wasting his time on these days. They said that Rosenne and political representative Oded Aran had been absent from the embassy for extended periods of late leaving the embassy without the political leadership capable of responding to the wave of anti-Israel sentiment that followed the sentencing of convicted spy Jonathan Pollard.

At the end of last week, the embassy became involved in a dispute with the Tower Committee, appointed by President Reagan to investigate Irangate when the committee's spokesman denied a statement by the embassy that a letter sent to it by the committee last month with questions for Israelis involved in the affair arrived too late to be answered in time.

The committee spokesman said the letter, dated February 10, arrived by special messenger the same day. Embassy spokesman Yisrael Gal said that the letter arrived only six days later, and that since it asked for answers by the 19th, there had not been enough time to reply by then.

An embassy spokesman last week said that the letter "could have" arrived before the 16th, but that security checks and holidays would have held it up for a few days. The Tower Committee spokesman expressed anger over the fact that the embassy's reply arrived on the 20th, one day after the deadline, and over the fact that the reply had been mailed rather than sent by special messenger.

A U.S. government source said that if the committee spokesman's accusations were confirmed, they would point to further evasion by Israel.

Senior workers at the embassy said that the incident was only one example of their "confusion" and "helplessness."

Asked about this, Rosenne denied being absent from the embassy for extended periods. He said that his absences were "rare" and only for important appearances, and that his days were filled with important meetings.

The embassy has a staff of 35 diplomats, including military and professional attachés. The political team is small, consisting of the ambassador, the political representative, the legal adviser and two advisers who deal with the House of Representatives and the Senate. The information staff has three workers, including the embassy spokesman.

Residents run for help rather than use phone

MIGDAL HA'EMEK (Itim). – Residents of an apartment building here, where a fire broke out yesterday, refrained from phoning the fire department because of the Sabbath and walked in the rain to the nearest police station to summon aid.

The residents of the five-storey building are all Jewish immigrants from Ethiopia. No one was hurt in the blaze.

HOSTAGE

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time have since been freed.

The French premier and president implicitly rejected the threat on Friday when an official spokesman vowed that the French government would "steadfastly and firmly" continue its fight against terrorism.

He said any group holding French hostages would be "held responsible for their fate."

Marc Normandin, father of the threatened hostage, last night made an appeal on French television to his son's kidnappers.

"We ask the kidnappers to spare the life of our son Jean-Louis," he said. "He went to Beirut to do his job as a television technician. He is only a victim, and we ask his kidnappers to understand that."

Meanwhile, Syrian officers supervised the entry of UN relief supplies into a beleaguered Palestinian refugee camp in southern Beirut yesterday.

Eye-witnesses said two Syrian military observers stood at the edge of Bourj al-Barajneh with officials of the Shi'ite Amal militia as three UN trucks drove slowly along a muddy, shell-cratered road into the settlement of at least 12,000.

Amal lifted a siege of Bourj al-Barajneh and its sister camp of Shatilla on February 18 after a four-and-a-half month "camps' war" in Beirut and South Lebanon left some 850 people dead. (AP, AFP, Reuter)

With deep sorrow we part from our
beloved head of the family

VICTOR BACH ז"ל

The funeral will leave today, Sunday, March 15, 1987,
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The Family

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will take place at the Mount of Olives cemetery on Tuesday,
March 17, at 12.30 p.m. prompt.
Transportation will be provided from the Sheraton Plaza Hotel,
leaving at 12 noon prompt.

Defendants not named

'Chernobyl trial to open 'soon'

MOSCOW. – The people held responsible for the accident last April at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant will stand trial soon, a senior Soviet atomic energy official said yesterday.

The explosion and fire at the plant's fourth reactor killed 31 people and spread a cloud of radioactive particles across most of Europe.

Andronik Petrosyants, head of the State Committee for Atomic Energy, said the trial would open in the Ukrainian capital of Kiev.

He did not name the people who would stand trial or say how many there were. "This is an affair of the prosecutor and the judiciary," he told reporters. "It will be known at the trial who has been brought to trial and for what." He added that he did not know what penalties anyone convicted might face.

Soviet officials have blamed the disaster on a series of reckless experiments by staff at Chernobyl. The plant's director, its chief engineer and other personnel were subsequently fired.

Petrosyants said the plant's first and second reactors were working at full capacity now and the third unit would come on stream in the second half of this year. Construction of a fifth reactor at Chernobyl had started, he said, and would be followed by the building of a sixth.

An American specialist who recently visited Chernobyl, said yesterday emissions of radiation from the fourth reactor, which has been buried in concrete, were very low.

In Florida, meanwhile, radioactive water dripping from a valve has forced the shutdown of a nuclear reactor at the Turkey Point power station. The incident was decribed as "minor" by a nuclear regulatory commission official. The plant is expected to reopen in nine days.

In yet another incident involving nuclear pollution, West German authorities said yesterday they had ordered the closure of a section of a nuclear fuel rod plant.

A government spokesman announced that a worker was exposed to highly-radioactive plutonium on February 27 at the Nukem processing plant at Hanau, near Frankfurt. Investigators were still trying to determine exactly what had happened, he said. (Reuter, AP)

FOREIGN BRIEFS

'Perdition' scenes on ITV

By Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. – Scenes from Jim Allen's controversial anti-Zionist play *Perdition* are to be screened this week on Independent Television. The author will then confront three of his fiercest critics – historian Martin Gilbert, Steven Roth of the Institute of Jewish Affairs and Clive Sinclair of *The Jewish Chronicle* – in an on-screen discussion.

The play, which suggests that Zionist leaders collaborated with the Nazis in Hungary to send Jews to the gas chambers, was taken off by London's Royal Court Theatre hours before it was to begin previewing, because theatre artistic director Max Stafford-Clarke believed it would prove offensive to the Jewish community.

In the three scenes to be screened this week, characters draw links between Zionism and Fascism, and claim that Zionism is a "racist philosophy".

Japan leftists bomb construction firms

TOKYO (AFP). – Japanese leftist radicals yesterday claimed responsibility for five pre-dawn blasts that shook offices of construction firms working on an extention to the new Tokyo International Airport.

One person was slightly injured and several buildings damaged by homemade bombs that exploded in offices and dormitories of airport construction firms in the Tokyo area, police said.

The leftist Chukaku-ha, Japan's leading radical faction, at a rally here late last night, announced that the group's "revolutionary army" had planted the bombs, witnesses said.

London bank van hold-up yields £1.3m.

LONDON (AP). – Police are searching for two robbers who held up a security van Friday outside a London bank and fled with 60 bags containing £1.3 million in cash.

A Scotland Yard spokeswoman said a car pulled up in front of an armour-plated van, forcing it to stop, after it had picked up the cash from a Midlands Bank in north London. Two masked robbers jumped from the car, forced the van into an alley and unloaded the cash after handcuffing the three security guards, said the spokeswoman.

Liberals takeover Liverpool city council

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. – John Lennon's old school has been sold by Liverpool City Council for conversion into a Tesco supermarket. The £3 million sale of the school, now known as Calderstone comprehensive, was one of the last actions taken by the Labour Party council before its members were disqualifed from office for mismanagement of council funds.

Parents of the schoolchildren received letters yesterday informing them that pupils will be put into temporary classrooms.

The new ruling Liberal Party council is sending letters to contractors involved in Labour's last-minute deals, asking them to ignore any pledges as council spending is being reviewed.

N.Y. court acquits top Mafia boss

NEW YORK (Reuter). – U.S. authorities have vowed to continue their fight against organized crime after the unexpected acquittal of a man accused of being one of New York's top Mafia bosses.

The pledge by U.S. Federal Attorney Andrew Maloney came after John Gotti – who prosecutors said was the head of the Gambino crime family – and six co-defendants were found innocent on Friday of conspiracy and racketeering charges by unanimous verdict of the jury.

The acquittal of Gotti came as a blow to authorities who recently won convictions against four of New York's five crime families.

The smiles have faded from the faces of Indian President Zail Singh (left) and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi since this photo taken in New Delhi February 3. The President has accused Gandhi of violating constitutional provisions by failing to inform him of key policy issues. (Reuter)

Gandhi row with chief of state

NEW DELHI (AFP). – Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi found himself in the eye of a political storm yesterday after President Zail Singh charged him with lying to parliament on their controversial relationship, in a letter which has sparked a political crisis.

The opposition and the media hit out at Gandhi after the daily *Indian Express* gave front-page play to the letter, which is seen to have seriously dented the Premier's image, political stock and credibility.

"There is no doubt that the Prime Minister has mishandled the matter," the conservative daily *The Hindu* said in an editorial, while the *Times of India* declared Gandhi is primarily responsible for this unfortunate development."

Opposition members walked out of parliament after Speaker Balram Jakhar refused to allow a discussion on the issue Friday, after saying that he did not question the authenticity of the letter."

The Presidential Palace has refused to comment but senior government sources said that an official inquiry had been ordered "to locate the leak (of the letter) and affix reponsibility."

Federal detectives yesterday raided the home here of Ram Nath Goenka, owner of the *Express*. The raid coincided with the arrest of Goenka's legal adviser, S. Gurumurthy, in Madras.

President Singh, India's first Sikh head of state, said in the letter that, contrary to constitutional provisions he had been kept in the dark about several key national issues and foreign policy matters, contradicting Gandhi's claim in parliament on March 4 that he had met with Singh on many occasions to inform him of "important developments."

Gandhi has recently come under fire for what many see as his insensitive handling of bureaucracy, including the announcement at a news conference of a decision to sack the Foreign Secretary.

Media reports have spoken of a rift between Singh and Gandhi for the past year. They were known to be at odds on several issues, but matters came to a head last month when the President declined to sign a controversial government bill to censor mail.

The differences surfaced soon after Gandhi assumed power in late 1984. He was said to believe that Singh, the Punjab's chief minister for six years from 1972, was at least partially respnsible for the present crisis in the northern state where Sikh militants are fighting for a separate state.

Gandhi reportedly began departing from protocol by not briefing Singh after tours abroad. The government had also quietly declined to approve the president's trips abroad till the end of last year, by which time some 70 invitations had piled up.

2 more teens in apparent suicide pact

Police in Bergenfield, N.J., examine the automobile in which four teenagers killed themselves in an earlier suicide pact last Wednesday. (AFP Photo)

CHICAGO (Reuter). – Two teenage girls have killed themselves here in an apparent suicide pact similar to one that took the lives of four East Coast youngsters last week.

The deaths have set off an anguished look by Americans at teenage suicides, the second biggest killer of young people in the U.S. after car crashes.

The bodies of Nancy Grannan, 19, and Karen Logan, 17, were found Thursday in the Chicago suburb of Alsip. They were in a car with the engine running in the closed garage of Logan's home.

"The notes they left indicated general depression," Alsip police chief Warner Houston told Reuters. "The older girl was despondent over the apparent break-up of her marriage. The 17-year old felt she had made a general mess out of her life."

On Wednesday four teenagers in Bergenfield, New Jersey, committed mass suicide in the same manner.

Houston said: "We have nothing that directly ties this to the New Jersey case. But I have my own opinion – that the other deaths offered them an example."

'Glasnost' brings factory life to TV

MOSCOW. – Not long ago, the evening prime-viewing time might have gone to a factory documentary or a limpid adventure film with ideological undertones.

Last week, the camera did indeed go into a factory – the LAF plant making trucks and buses in Riga – but not to witness prodigies of plan fulfilment.

Instead, Soviet audiences were given their first view of the novel experiment of electing officials by closed ballot and a number of other procedures familiar in the West, but forgotten here since Lenin's day.

The election was for a new director of the factory, the previous one having been, evidently, a "bureaucrat" – one of the Abominable No-Men who stand between Gorbachev reform and the 21st century.

There were five candidates, all from other enterprises; the election was organised by the factory trade unions; and to facilitate the process, the 13,000 workers were required to appoint delegates – one per shop floor or shift.

The first vote, following visits by the candidates to answer questions from workers in each part of the plant, eliminated three. A second one was held to decide between the two front-runners, both men in their early 40s. Each was invited to address the assembled delegates.

Each, inevitably, promised a big shake-up in the way the plant was run, promised to take account of the workers' suggestions, to give more attention to disciplinary and social problems, and so on.

What differentiated was personality. One, round-faced and open-featured, was clearly a leader – and drew comments to that effect from a number of delegates offered the television microphone. The other, more ascetic, was clearly a technocrat disposed towards a kind of collective leadership.

As novel as the voting process itself (slips based in a ballot box) was a question put to each of the candidates by an interviewer.

"What will you feel if you're told you've lost?" asked the woman reporter of the newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda* which made the documentary.

If the question appears innocent to Western readers, its significance would hardly have been missed here in the Soviet Union, where for more than 60 years no candidate need ever have doubted that a pre-ordained show of hands would enthusiastically put him into office.

Novel, too, was the frankness of the camera's reporting. By no means all the workers were persuaded that Gorbachev's democratization was the way to do things.

Said one woman: "It's all show, too quickly done."

Another said she hadn't bothered to vote; it was "only for the director."

The method of indirect voting, through delegates, was also criticized.

To judge from some workers' comments, it began to look as if the "leader" would be the winner ("he's so warm and sympathetic," said one woman, who complained that she had seen the previous director on the shop floor only once in five years) but when the voting slips were counted, it was otherwise. The winner, by a wide margin, was the technocrat.

The frank reporting of opposing viewpoints is likely to signify more than just the general new policy of "openness."

Gorbachev himself is well aware of the continuing resistance to reform within the middle ranks of the Party and the trade union organization – on which he relies for support for his economic modernization plans.

Some western analysts saw in the final charter adopted by the trade union congress two weeks ago a watering-down of the radical reform proposals made by Gorbachev in a speech to it earlier.

What seems more certain is that Gorbachev's policy is to say: "Let it all come out now, not be suppressed so as to build up an explosive reaction later on." (Observer Foreign News Service)

Ferry death toll could top 200, Belgians say

BRUSSELS (Reuter). – Conflicting death tolls from last week's car ferry disaster have caused confusion with Belgian Transport Minister Herman de Croo saying the number of victims could be over 200 while the ship owners maintain the figure is 134.

De Croo said on Flemish radio yesterday he had obtained official figures from maritime authorities which said 45 people died and about 164 were missing.

Tamils admit defeat

MADRAS, India (AFP). – Sri Lankan troops have recaptured virtually all the Tamil separatist strongholds on the island's northern and eastern areas, a guerrilla leader said here yesterday.

"We are unable to withstand the combined onslaught by land, air and sea," a spokesman for the Eelam Revolutionary Liberation Organisation (Eros), one of five militant groups fighting for a Tamil homeland, told journalists. He said the Tamils were handicapped by their lack of air defence.

He said government troops now controlled all the Tamil-dominated areas of the country's north and east except Jaffna, the heartland of the nation's 2.5 million Tamil minority. But he said morale was "high" and that the struggle would continue.

Colombo has claimed killing scores of Tamil militants, mostly of the powerful Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, in recent fighting.

More than 5,000 people have died since 1983 in ethnic violence in Sri Lanka, where Tamils complain of discrimination by the Sinhala majority.

Sydney court denies UK bid to stop secret agent's book

LONDON (Reuter). – The government faces embarrassment in a probable election year over its failure in an Australian court to stop a former secret agent from publishing his memoirs.

Opposition politicians charged the government with muddling after the New South Wales supreme court Friday rejected arguments that publication of former MI5 agent Peter Wright's memoirs, *Spycatcher* would damage national security.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said the government expected to appeal against the ruling. "It is not a diabolical mess, as some people describe it," she said. "There was a principle to uphold which was fundamental to our security service."

In Sydney, Judge Philip Powell told a packed court that British intelligence services had "leaked like a sieve." He said there was virtually no new material threatening national interests in the book, which alleges that late MI5 chief Sir Roger Hollis was a Soviet agent and that the secret service was involved in a plot to destabilize the Labour government of Harold Wilson in the 1970s.

The government has 28 days to appeal. Opposition Labour politicians have called on the government to drop the case "before they become an international laughing stock," and stop pouring the taxpayers' money down the drain.

Col. North must face Iran inquiry

WASHINGTON (Reuter). – Fired White House aide Oliver North has lost a major legal battle aimed at halting a criminal investigation into the Iran arms scandal, in which he played a key role.

Federal Judge Barrington Parker on Friday dismissed North's lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the law that empowered a special prosecutor to investigate the affair. The ruling cleared the way for Lawrence Walsh to proceed with his probe into whether laws were violated by North or others in the affair.

The Justice Department issued a statement welcoming Parker's ruling and saying it upheld the importance of the investigation.

Abdallah 'knew' his ex-counsel was intelligence agent

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. – George Ibrahim Abdallah was perfectly aware that his former counsel, Jean-Paul Mazurier, was working for the French secret service, according to another former lawyer of the Lebanese convicted terrorist.

Robert Boyer, a priest and a lawyer, was Abdallah's counsel in Lyon from his arrest in November 1984, till the end of 1985. Mazurier had also defended Abdallah during this period. According to Boyer, his former client had told him during a conversation in prison that he knew that Mazurier was an agent of the secret police.

"At the time, I thought it was an expression of the accused's paranoid trend, seeing enemies and narks all over. I was cautious not to talk about Mazurier too much."

Boyer said it is possible that Abdallah kept Mazurier on in order to use him, "to have him carry messages or feed (the secret service) with false information."

VISITOR. – U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger will visit Spain and Turkey next week for talks on U.S. military bases; bilateral relations and security on Nato's southern flank.

Costa Rica may extradite alleged Ukraine war criminal

SAN JOSE (Reuter). – A Costa Rican appellate court has cleared the way for extradition to the Soviet Union of an alleged war criminal, but only if Moscow pledges not to execute him.

Moscow has been seeking the extradition of 63-year-old Bohdan Koziy for the past year. Public prosecutor Roberto Steiner said the extradition ruling, announced Friday by a superior court, could not be appealed.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry has said investigators have established that Koziy was a former Ukrainian policeman responsible for torture and murder of innocent people under Nazi occupation in world war II.

Koziy has been living in Costa Rica since October, 1984. He is reported to have been expelled from the U.S. where he became a citizen in 1956, after authorities discovered he had lied about his past in the Ukraine.

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Catholic Church supports sculptor's bid to restore German Jewish cemetery

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. – The Catholic Church in West Germany has joined a campaign led by a German-Jewish sculptor to restore a 400-year-old Jewish cemetery in the wooded grounds of Rheineck Castle, south of Bonn.

The cemetery survived wars over the centuries and even the Nazi era. But it was relocated in 1979 by the man who bought the castle, in whose grounds the Jews of the township of Bad Breisig buried their dead.

The sculptor, Ladis Schwartz, who works in Bonn was in Haifa last week to discuss the placing here of a monumental bronze statue he has created to commemorate the "Yekke" immigration of German Jews in the 1930s and the part they played in shaping Israel.

The 67-year-old Romanian born artist told *The Jerusalem Post* that Prelate Friedhelm Hammes, of the Rheinland-Pfalz see, last month sent a letter to the town council of Breisig requesting details of the circumstances of the closure of the cemetery. In his letter, he noted that the pope was expected to meet the heads of the local Jewish community during his forthcoming visit to Germany, and hinted that "a redress of the injustice" before that meeting would be desirable.

The issue was first raised by a German journalist, Carl Bertram Hommen, in 1982, when he published a booklet *The Tombstones of Rheineck Castle* with the help of Technion professor of Jewish studies, Yehuda Radday, who translated the tombstones' Hebrew inscriptions and dates for him.

The oldest surviving tombstone dated back to 1621 and the most recent one to 1861 – after which the Jews of Breisig were given a new cemetery, north of the original site.

Hommen stressed that the old graves survived the religious wars of the 17th century, the burning of the original castles by Louis XIV's generals, Melac and Turenne, and even the Nazis.

A total of 27 tombstones survived the ages, "silent witnesses to the hard lot of the Jews, but also to the liberal attitude of the local counts to them."

In 1979 real-estate millionaire Herbert Hillebrand, 47, bought the castle, his 12th and set about moving the ancient cemetery in order to be able to fence off the beautiful forest in which it was situated.

Hommen charged that Hillebrand was able to do this because the old graveyard had never been registered as a "historic monument" subject to state protection when a list was made after World War II. This made it easier for Hillebrand to persuade the octogenarian head of the small Jewish community of nearby Koblenz to agree to the transfer of the surviving stones to the newer cemetery in Breisig.

Hommen, who has campaigned for the restoration in the German press, argues in his book, that even if "the few Jews now living in the mid-Rhine region are no longer aware of the importance of the tombstones in their history of suffering, the competent German authorities should be."

Evicted family refused to sign new rental contract

By ANDY COURT

The eviction of an Arab family from a house in the Moslem quarter of Jerusalem's Old City last week took place because family members refused to sign a new rental contract with the government's Custodian General, municipality and Justice sources now say.

According to the sources, Mahadia Shaya Karakie, 75, rented the building under Jordanian rule. When Israel took control of the area after 1967, she continued to rent the apartment from the government's Custodian General.

But when Karakie's daughter, son-in-law and their six children moved into the building a few years ago, the terms of the original contract were violated, the sources said. The Custodian General wanted them to sign a new agreement, but they refused.

MK Mattityahu Peled (Progressive List for Peace) has criticized police and security forces for the "hard-heartedness and cruelty" they exhibited in evicting the family.

Financial boost for aliya work

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than half a million dollars may be granted to the newly-formed aliya-oriented magshimim movement, which has already gained a reputation for originality in the World Zionist Movement by incorporating within its ranks a cross-section of Zionists from the leftist Hashomer Hatza'ir to Herut's Betar.

The new confederation enjoyed a tremendous boost last week when the World Zionist Executive backed the recommendation of chairman Arye Dulzin and treasurer Akiva Levinsky. The executive recommended to the Zionist General Congress, which meets later this month, that the Confederation of Magshimim Movements be allocated $300,000, with an additional $300,000 earmarked for it, pending the examination of its programme of activities.

The federation was founded last April at Kfar Hamaccabia, at a conference of 200 delegates of the pioneering youth movements (such as Habonim/Dror and Young Judea/Hashahar) and the four aliya organizations whose members are of college age or older (Telem, Tagar, Tehilla, and Naam – the North American Aliya Movement).

Gideon Goldbein, executive secretary of the federation, stresses that Dulzin has been trying to strengthen the position of the Hagshama movements within the Zionist movement.

The federation is aiming its aliya message at a target group it thinks will be particularly responsive: the 10,000 or so Diaspora young people who come here each year for long-term programmes (five-12 months), most of which are supported by the Jewish Agency. Only about 10 per cent of them belong to Zionist movements, Goldbein says. The idea the federation will try to get through to them is: "You've been exposed to Israel; now go back and spread the message. Become activists. Promote the Israel experience. And consider aliya for yourselves."

Except for the major metropolises in the U.S., most cities have only a few dozen youth movement members. The confederation's line is: "Pick the youth or aliya movement of your choice, but think about the Israel option."

Goldbein, who was a community emissary in Philadelphia and worked for the Joint Distribution Committee in Iran and Western Europe, is now working on a four-day happening. It is scheduled to take place in Mitzpe Ramon at the end of April for 500 young people now here on long-term programmes – university studies, kibbutz ulpans, and yeshivas.

One of the goals of that event is to enable people from the same city, who are participating in different programmes, to meet one another so that they can work as a team when they go back.

Goldbein says that the federation does not replace any existing movement or WZO department but that its goal is to align those bodies for a joint effort.

Beit Hadassah fence to stay

By JOEL GREENBERG

The High Court of Justice has rejected an application by three Hebron shopkeepers against the erection of a security fence in front of their stores on the ground floor of Beit Hadassah.

The shopkkeepers' lawyer, Felicia Langer said on Friday that a High Court of Justice decision dated March 9 upheld the military government's argument that the fence was necessary to prevent the planting of bombs in the shops aimed at Jewish settlers living above the stores.

The shopkeepers have maintained that the fence and accompanying searches have driven away customers and seriously damaged their businesses. The fence was erected after the shopkeepers turned down a proposal by the military government that they move out in return for compensation.

Justices Aharon Barak, Menahem Elon and Miriam Ben Porat ruled that the danger to human life which necessitated erection of the fence outweighed the financial difficulties caused to the shopkeepers, which could be offset by compensation.

Notes of profound agony

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA – Giuseppe Sinopoli conducting with Waltraud Meier, mezzo-soprano and Jon Vickers, tenor (Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, March 12). Schubert: Symphony No. 4 ("Tragic"); Mahler: "The Song of the Earth." Symphony for tenor and alto and orchestra.

This concert did not spare us pain, suffering and gloom. Schubert's "Tragic" and Mahler's "Song of the Earth" were indeed almost too much to bear. But then we also became aware, as if for the first time, that these were indeed the most profound agonies Schubert and Mahler went through and that we listeners had a deep obligation to accept them.

There cannot indeed be any escape. Schubert's outcry is beautifully muted, stated with great dignity and never oppressive. Sinopoli seemed fully aware of these qualities of the music and he never allowed Schubert's grief to lose its human warmth and restraint. The symphony emerged as a perfect blending of personal expression and classical form.

Mahler's "Song of the Earth," a work we have heard innumerable times, again evoked the seemingly unanswerable question. How could Mahler produce such a shattering document of human despair and resignation, and create a feeling of final and irreversible departure? And how could all these feelings be expressed in terms of such sublime music?

Sinopoli's understanding of Mahler and his identification with this most personal music seemed complete. And yet Sinopoli never passed an imaginary threshold beyond which the music could turn the rarefaction of the feelings into something too explicit, too strong, too oppressive.

With Waltraud Meier, Sinopoli had a marvellous collaborator. Waltraud is a great interpreter of Mahler. Her voice is sheer beauty and the sensitivity with which she probes the text is truly remarkable. One could cling desperately to this voice to hear more and more of it and extend Mahler's "Farewell" even beyond its agonizing length.

Jon Vickers, on the other hand, seemed to come from another world. True, he possesses heroic metal and in the first song he easily rode the orchestra. His voice indeed thunders. But he lacks subtlety and his approach is much too direct and unsophisticated.

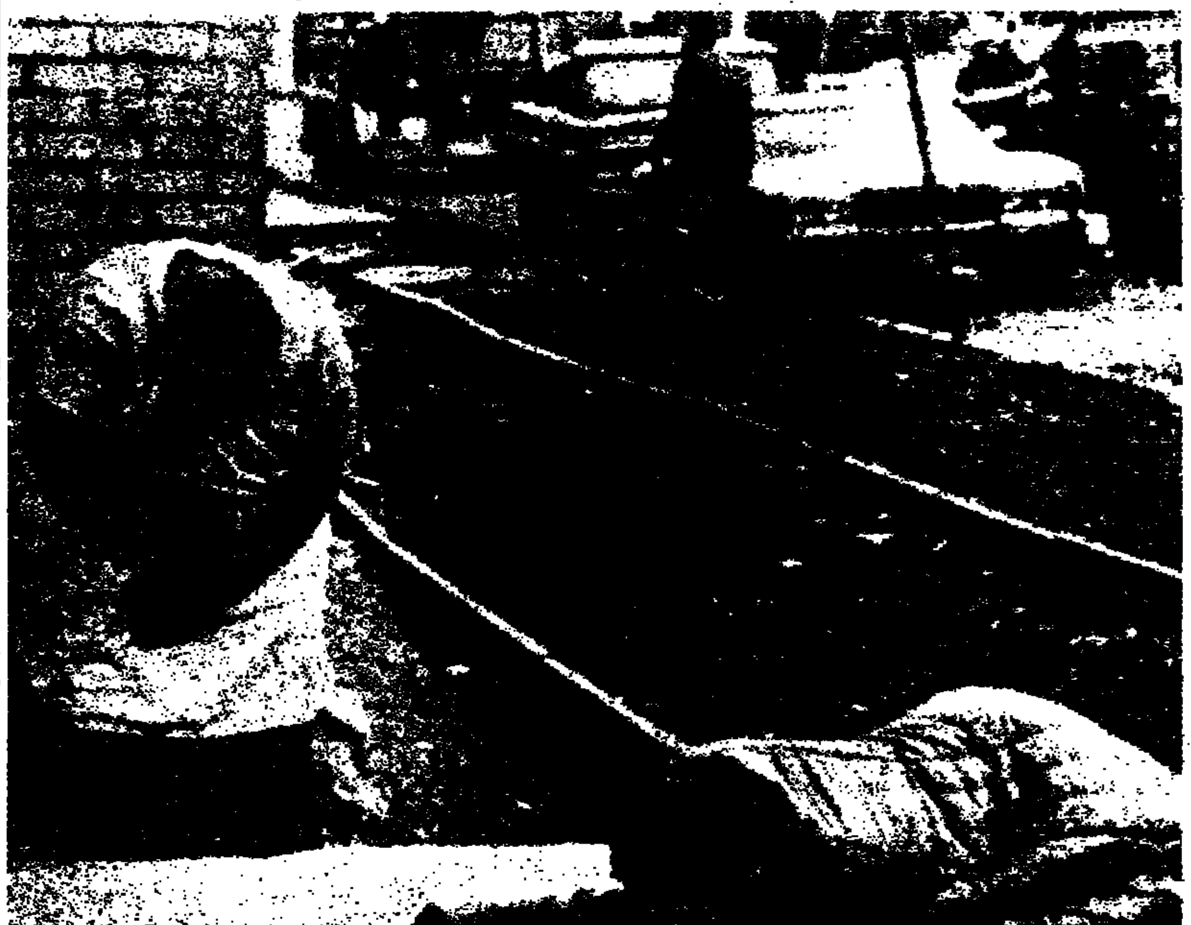
But what seemed the most serious impediment was his mannerism. His phrasing did not grow out of Mahler's music but seemed to express Vicker's own, strangely and irritatingly mannered, personal necessities. Nevertheless, he could not mar the performance, and as the last song of the cycle is sung by the alto, we left deeply moved, musing about how it all came to pass.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

PICK OF THE WEEK

An unidentified woman who lost a relative in the Zeebrugge, Belgium ferry disaster throws flowers into the sea to pay homage to the victims during a memorial service in front of the ferry. (Reuter)

A young boy waits in what used to be the main street of the town of Pedregal, Peru while rescue workers remove rocks from the roof of his house. Pedregal, about 40 km. east of Lima, was one of the towns hardest hit by rockslides that left more than 100 dead. (Reuter)



Johnetta Hodges, 26, lies on the ground after she rescued her mother (left), her son and nephew from an apartment fire on Chicago's South Side. Hodges returned to the second-storey apartment twice before collapsing. She got up again and then collapsed and died. (Chicago and USA Today)

Left: Thailand's prime minister, Prem Tinsulanonda, mounts a camel next to the Giza pyramids. His visit this week to Cairo was the first by a Thai prime minister since the two countries established relations in 1944. Right: Norwegian explorer M. Kristensen hugs one of her expedition's 22 huskies after the group failed to reach the South Pole because of warm weather.

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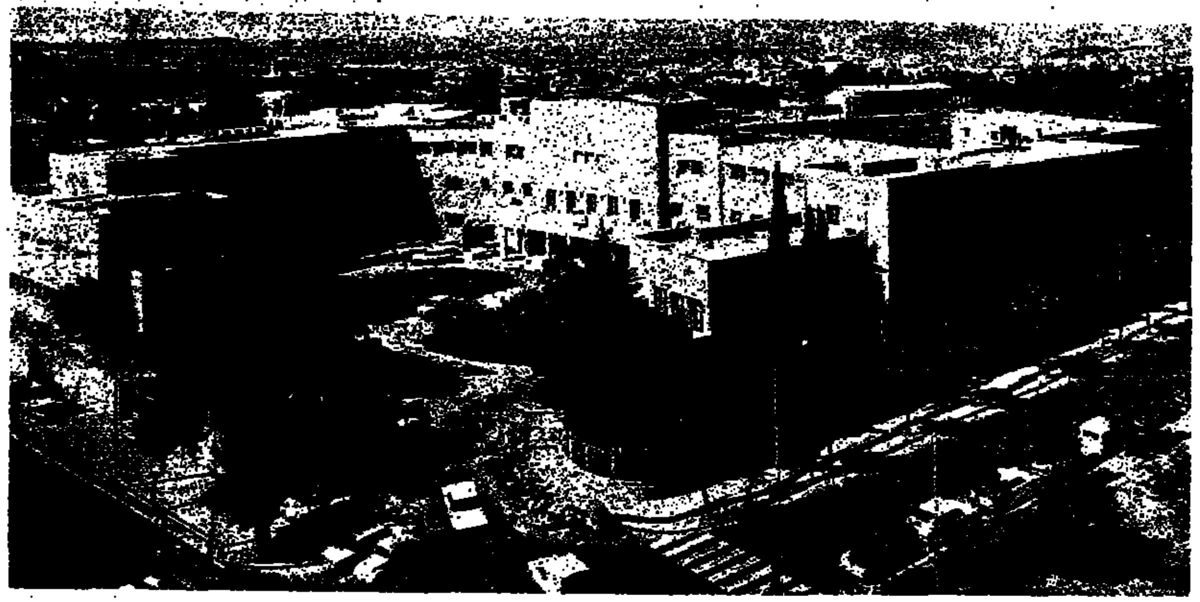

5-star hotel discovered in capital

By MYRA NOVECKAINE
The Down-Town Reporter

The Jerusalem municipality's plans to build yet another five-star hotel on King George Street suffered a slight knock yesterday when it was discovered that a previously unknown five-star hotel has been sitting across the street from the site for years.

"Our plans suffered a slight knock," said municipal spokesman Roughage Devour. "We went out to survey the site and somebody looked up and saw this beautiful five-storey, 300-room hotel across the street. Nobody had ever noticed the place before, and since no one has been seen going in or out of there for years: no one knew anything about it."

Suspicion that the huge edifice was uninhabited was dispelled, however, when the distinct sound of snoring was heard emanating from the windows.

"That's how we knew it was a hotel," said Devour. "All I can say is that in the Holy City you just have to get used to miracles. Here we were about to blow a couple of million bucks on yet another hotel, and suddenly we have this tremendous windfall."

But Mayor Tummy Colic was not entirely convinced that the newly-discovered hotel would satisfy the city's growing requirements for tourism facilities all in one blow.

"Currently the city has 2,000 empty hotel bedrooms," Colic told a press conference. "By conservative estimates, within the next decade the city will need an additional 3,000 empty hotel bedrooms. If we don't start closing the gap now, the gap will widen. If the gap widens, we will be unable to close it. If we are unable to close it, it will open. If it indeed opens – zzzzzzzz."

Archeologists exploring the site yesterday discounted the theory that the vast building could have been a previously unknown palace of Herod the Great.

"Just dig this place!" marvelled one archeologist. "We estimate that the main structure dates from the early mandate period, but this elaborate garden and driveway entrance is obviously much newer – probably added around 1986 CE. It's really a lovely structure – and the most amazing thing is, it shows no signs of having been used."

A gardener found working on the premises said that he had vague memories of Jewish Agency officials attending the inauguration of the building some generations ago, but he could not attest to the building having been put to any use since then.

"Still," he said, "it could serve very well as a hotel. The management could even boast that Arye Dulzin slept here."

Israel cops the lot

By BORIS MEANEY
The Diplomatic Correspondent

Israelis swept the Noball Peace Prize awards yesterday at Ohno, Noway, with an ostentatious display of Jewish brains and Israeli charm. "Nepuda kamuu geflibbertygibbet, ub Israel uipeuw nudnik," said Nowegian Prime Minister Israël Israëlsssohn, smiling expansively as he congratulated the winners. "Figgoo bup!"

Shimon Shamir and Yitzhak Peres, co-winners of the Noball Prize for **Physics**, were warmly applauded by the black-tie assembly for their discovery that stunned the world of science. Their "Shamper Principle" proves that power-charged ex-Poles lacking magnetism will stick together even when rubbing each other the wrong way.

Ernest I.M.F. Laphetoff, Noball winner for **Economics**, demonstrated that a little bit here, a little bit there, adds up. His life work proves conclusively that the more you have, the more you get, the prize committee said. Accepting the $200,000 cheque from Israëlssssohn, Laphetoff stamped it on both sides, jammed it into his pants pocket and handed the prime minister a deposit slip.

The **Chemistry** award went to the Jordim brothers, temporary residents of the U.S. but still bureaucratically Israeli. Their research with denim showed that there's money in genes.

In the field of **Medicine**, the Noball Prize was won by Dr. Aniba Shvita, the renowned Haifa anesthesiologist who desensitized modern medical care by developing the inhospitable hospital, a concept now in use throughout Israel. Dr. Shvita's method facilitates home institutionalization, cuts costs to public health by eliminating public health, and suggests alternative uses for redundant government-run clinics, easily changing them into railway waiting rooms without having to retrain staff. Following the ceremony, Dr. Shvita checked into an Ohno hospital for tests and treatment.

The Noball Prize for **Literature** went to Rabbi Dr. Prof. Yitzhak Peretzel, whose revolutionary work "The Catalytic Converter" consisted of the symbiotic structuring of an identity card providing existentialist scope to the angst, arousing turbulence of thought and transcendentally transmogrifying philosophical, religious and transinterorganizational transcontinental profundities into a single word.

The loudest applause was reserved for the sentimental favourite among this year's winners, Husseini el-Hussein a Husseini Hussein, a keffiyeh-swathed mustachioed Palestinian from Hebron. Hussein received the Noball **Peace** Prize for being, primarily, a keffiyeh-swathed mustachioed Palestinian, and for not once but *twice* pronouncing "Israel" on television within 30 seconds of pronouncing the word "peace." He is believed to have been the first Palestinian to do so publicly.

Courageously snubbing the spectre of assassination, Hussein was also the first of his people to publicly provide an address (295 Al Shuhda St., second entrance, fourth floor, apt. 18) for Israeli leaders to come to talk peace. He was the first Palestinian to live longer than three weeks after announcing, a month ago, that some of his best friends are Jews.

Hussein was lauded at the Ohno ceremony for advancing the cause of peace in the Middle East, forging harmony between Islam and Judaism and singlehandedly creating terms for co-existence between the nations, and was immediately gunned down by another keffiyeh-swathed mustachioed Palestinian.

Left to right and back again, clockwise: Israel's Noball prize-winners for casuistry, tintinnabulation, bligging and infrasensory perception. Daguerreotypes by Anon, Hadar, Rubinger, Ronald.

'Drop in and see us some time'

Added meaning given to 'prisoner of Zion'

By R.E.A. RUBYSTONE
Post Jerusalem The Reporter

The controversy over American "political refugee" status for Soviet Jewish emigres appeared headed for settlement last night after Hias officials in Vienna told Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to "go fly a kite."

Addressing immigration reporters in Jerusalem last night, WZO aliya director Zello Bishvili, unfolded the Jewish Agency's latest scheme for getting Soviet Jews to choose Israel over "a new diaspora" upon arrival in Vienna.

According to Bishvili, the 99.88 per cent dropout rate among Soviet Jews "is somewhat of a problem," so new ideas had to be created to meet the challenge of mass aliya from behind the Iron Curtain. For example, out of 11, 983 Jews permitted to leave the USSR last month, only two – both of them elderly women – chose Israel as their new home. One of them, Bertha Kievski, admitted later that because of her limited familiarity with Latin characters, she could not distinguish between "Beersheba" and "Brighton Beach."

The new Jewish Agency scheme, named Operation Rather Glad About Zionism (Orgazm), works as follows, Bishvili said: Upon leaving the Moscow-Vienna train, each emigre is led to a hall fitted with doors containing a large round hole at about shoulder height. As loudspeakers blare out *Hatikva*, the emigre inserts his head through the orifice, where a chocolate-coated ID card is shoved down his (or her) throat.

As the emigre chokefully removes his head from the hole, representatives of the Immigrant Absorption Ministry slip a noose around his neck while Jewish Agency aliya department personnel stand by silently with cattle prods. As the puzzled Soviet Jews are dragged towards waiting El Al jetliners revving up their engines, loudspeakers along the tarmac keep blaring out, "Zionism is Good for You! Zionism is Good for You!"

Once in their seats with their arms and legs strapped down for the four-hour flight to Tel Aviv, the gagged emigres are invited to listen to a series of expert lectures preparing them for their new life in the Homeland.

Among the lecturers and their topics are:

MK Meir Kahane (Kach): "New Perspectives in Israel Democracy" MK Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui): "Orthodox Judaism, Our Only Salvation." Ernest Japhet: "Making Ends Meet on an Israel Salary" Meshulam Riklis: "America as the Land of Opportunity – the Big Lie"; and Arye Dulzin: "How to Operate a Successful Travel Agency on a Shoestring Budget of $400m. a Year."

Bishvili said he hasn't "the slightest doubt that Operation Rather Glad About Zionism will be a whopping success, just like our North American aliya campaign. Why, last month, we had four new immigrants from the U.S., compared with two in the preceding month. That, my friends, is a 100 per cent increase!"

Asked what the Jewish Agency would do if the Soviet emigres insist upon leaving Israel, Bishvili replied: "That's no problem. We'll make them *shlihim*."

Rabin reaps reward in U.S.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin flew to Washington last night, to address the annual dinner of Aipac (American-Israel Public Affairs Committee), main pro-Israel lobby on Capitol Hill.

Rabin is to receive the first annual Polly J. Nathan Award. The prize will be given every year "to the Israeli who by his words and deeds contributes substantially to the pride of the American Jewish community."

Rabin is accompanied by Tat-Aluf Aviem Sella, who last week was named to head the Lavi Project. Sella will negotiate with Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger and also make a courtesy call upon Dov Zackheim, whom he will present with a new *kippa*. According to a feasibility study by the Israel Air Force quartermaster branch, the *kippa* – purchased in Mea She'arim for NIS 10, would have cost considerably more on New York City's Lower East side.

Phineas Laniado adds:

The pricing edge in *kippot* will probably disappear by year's end, highly-placed economists tell me. This is because Minister of Industry and Trade Ariel Sharon, accompanied by 11 senior aides, will be flying to Washington later this month to re-negotiate the FAT (Free Area Trade) agreement with the U.S. As a result, *matzot*, *mezuzot*, *kippot* and *kapparot* will be free from all import tariffs on both sides. These four items account for 98 per cent of Israel exports to North America, aside from emigrants.

Fifteen, sixteen, seventeen... Ernest Japhet's accountant at work. (Nelson)

Bus driver complains: 'Not fare!'

By JOHNNY CAR
The Transport Reporter

"Please, give me another chance. I swear it won't happen again," pleaded bus driver Lavi Merkava Basher before the bus cooperative's disciplinary court yesterday.

Basher was charged with having driven his bus for an entire day without having caused a single accident. The tribunal ordered him to take a crash course, adding the obiter dicta that his neglect gave other drivers a bad name.

Basher argued that, approaching "a row of those silly white daubs across the road," he had seen an old woman heavily laden with shopping bags stepping off the kerb in front of his vehicle. "I naturally drove ahead. Imagine my consternation on opening my eyes again to see she had nipped back to the sidewalk unscathed. I never for one moment dreamed she'd be able to make it."

Bad luck dogged him that entire day, Basher continued. "Three times I started out from the kerb at a spurt, strictly following standing orders not to signal to traffic behind me, only to discover, dammit, that there just was no traffic behind me."

It so happened, he went on bitterly, that "by miscalculation I had stopped only two metres from the kerb so I didn't give any car a chance to run into people getting on or off the bus."

Basher blamed faulty mechanism that prevented his passenger door from opening before he stopped his bus and so he was unable to drop off any unsupecting passengers.

It must have been a dozen times at least, during the day, that he had slammed on the brakes, Basher argued vehemently, but they didn't work and so none of his standing passengers crashed to the floor.

The driver strenuously asserted that he had taken one particularly dangerous curve at 120 kph, but no one fell out of the bus because all the windows were jammed closed.

Asked by the court why he had failed, during the entire day, to go through a single red light, Basher was nonplussed. "I didn't?" he asked. "Maybe because I was so engrossed in the newspaper my sister-in-law, sitting two places behind me, was reading that I didn't notice the lights were always green when I charged across the intersections. Dreadfully sorry."

Orthodox say progressive reform is too conservative

Post Jerusalem The Staff

"I see absolutely nothing wrong with conversions by Reform Jews. In fact, I will accept those conversions with open palms."

Those words, voiced by Rabbi Ebenezer Schlach, yesterday shocked a Bnei Brak news conference and sent tremors through the alleys and *shtiblech* of Mea She'arim, Williamsburg and Stamford Hill.

Mentor of the yeshiva world's neo-Latvian wing, Rabbi Schlach made headlines only a month ago when he dared to sugget that there was a slight possibility that the Lubavitcher Rebbe may not be the Messiah after all.

An abrupt halt struck yesterday's news conference when one of the reporters, from the Hassidic-Galitzianer weekly *Motzaei Shabbat*, fainted when he heard the rabbi's declaration. After five minutes, the aged journalist was revived by a kick in the head from rival reporter Ted Ne'eman of the Litvak-Mitnagged weekly *Yated Ne'eman*.

The Schlach declaration landed like a bombshell at the Knesset, where the Shas anti-pork bill was being presented for its fifth reading. Minister of Excommunication Arnon Flukinstein, a well-known criminal lawyer, warned the House that the law could not apply to pork chops made from pigs bred at Kibbutz Mizra.

Flukinstein said: "Though we unfortunately have no constitution yet, it was clearly the intent of the Zionist founding fathers that any swine born within the boundaries of what was once Palestine is to be considered kosher – regardless of what the Eda Haredit court says. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, would you kindly pass me the mustard?

As news of Rabbi Schlach's position spread through the plenum, however, several MKs rushed out to the corridor, offering to be interviewed by Israel Television.

The NRP's Abner Whackee said that, in view of Rabbi Schlach's announcement, he will re-submit an altered version of the Who is a Jew bill. It will say that, in order to be considered a Jew under the Law of Return, a person must have been born a gentile. What is more, conversions by Orthodox rabbis will no longer be recognized. To be accepted as *bona fide*, a conversion must have been performed either by a Reform rabbi who participates in Christmas Eve Mass at the neighbouring cathedral, or by a Conservative rabbi of the female sex.

Yossi Madrid (CRM): "Greatest news since Pollard's arrest. I am recommending Rabbi Schlach as *Haolam Hazeh* Magazine's Man of the Year. I am seriously considering quitting politics to enrol in the Ponivezh Yeshiva."

Former Aguda MK Shlomo "Lorincz of Bessarabia" told reporters, "I am both shocked and relieved, sad and happy, delighted and disappointed at our great rabbi's words." Asked why he couldn't make his mind up, the ex-MK replied, "Because I'm a politician, that's why, you golem!"

But the euphoria – at the Knesset, Hebrew Union College and elsewhere – was gone within an hour after a Dissociated Press reporter asked Rabbi Schlach to elaborate on his historic declaration.

"I hope," said the rabbi, "that my words have not been misunderstood. When I spoke of conversions, I did not mean, God forbid, conversions of goyim to Judaism. I meant conversions of dollars to shekels by Reform Jews. These conversions I shall accept with open palms."

Minister suffers culture shock

JOSEPH BARNARDO
The Education Reporter

Education Minister Don Isaac Nice laid it on the line yesterday in a no-holds-barred-pull-no-punches-hard-hitting-straight-to-the-point exclusive interview with *Post Jerusalem The* at his lush, plush Jerusalem penthouse overlooking the Knesset, both campi of the Hebrew University and Moshiko Calderon's falafel stall.

Nice was just back from his controversial three-day visit to Wales where he became the first Israeli leader ever to study the implications for Israel of the new school for Welsh poetry at Lanfairpoochangochchurindrobellantysisliogogogoch.

On the way back, said the cheery-faced, ever-smiling minister, he also took in brief stop-overs in London and Los Angeles.

Jet-setter Nice said Wales had been startling, especially the mountains and the women wearing stove pipe hats and smoking pipes. He had also been impressed with the rugby, the beer, the choirs, the druids in their long white smocks and the fact that some of the pubs close on Sunday.

But the minister, his small brown eyes hidden behind the reflecting sun glasses he had purchased in LA, had more than Wales on his mind.

He had arrived back to find an educational landscape that resembled Belfast on a noisy weekend. Universities were crumbling. There was violence in the playgrounds, teachers were striking and coalition shenanigans had landed him with five deputy ministers.

"It's all very unpleasant," he exploded. "Oh dear, I'll have to do something I expect," he raged.

HOME NEWS

The kitchen sink is clogged again.

Yossi cut his finger in the bread slicer.

Ima burned the toast.

Abba finished his second bottle of brandy this month.

Miri didn't get in till after midnight.

BULLETIN

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A few inches on feet

HAVE YOU EVER given much thought to elbows? I know I haven't. Which is why I've decided today to write about feet.

Ponder, if you will, how useful feet can be. Without them, for instance, we'd have a heck of a time putting on our shoes. Or could you consider putting your best knee forward? Or playing bandsies under the table? And what about socks, hah? Yeah, what about all those socks, darn it!

When we say, for example, that so-and-so is a young man with his feet planted firmly on the ground, just why do we call him so-and-so? Is that appropriate, I ask you? Who cares, you answer. Well, who wants your opinion anyway?

Consider also the young man who's just starting out in his career. We say he's looking to get his foot in the door. Just think about that then. Just whose door is he thinking of? And what's his foot going to do once it's inside? Tap dance? Unlikely, you say. Like fun, say I.

On the other hand, which when you think about it is a pretty strange place for a foot, recall how our ancestors boasted that "it's a treat to beat your feet on the Mississippi mud." That being the case, why do we take mud-baths at the Dead Sea? Still, if you're into that sort of thing, why the hell not?

Another fascinating thing about feet in Jewish tradition is that we cover our heads when we enter a synagogue, yet when Moses approached the burning bush, he was ordered to uncover his feet. Was God merely inviting Moses to warm his tootsies by the fire? Unlikely, as this was taking place at noon in the desert. Had the carpets just been shampooed? Again unlikely, as most of Sinai is uncarpeted. Makes you think, doesn't it? Well, doesn't it?

The other thing I was thinking about feet was how Father Abraham washed the tootsies of the guests who came to his tent. I mean, hospitality is one thing, but that's carrying it a little too far, isn't it? Imagine someone comes to your door to ask for a glass of water, and you set about washing his feet. Can you imagine it? I know I can't. Or what if the boss and his wife are coming over for dinner? Before they settle down at the trough, are you going to lead them out to the laundry room and have a go at their trotters with the old scrubbing brush? I mean, it might make a good opener for conversation. But then again it might not.

See, what I'm trying to say about feet is, when you get right down to it (ha-ha), there really isn't a heck of a lot to say. Not, of course, that that ever stops me. Just wait until next week, when I rattle on about eyelashes. Or cuticles. Or elbows.

(The writer is wronger.)

MARKETING WITH MARSHA Marsha Measle

Black money problem? Why not sleep on it?

MY READERS will believe me that it is a true pleasure ending a week filled with food-tasting press conferences sponsored by Selma, Kosem, Blue Hand and Snuva.

What with our little bellies bursting with all sorts of Bislees, Fritzlees, Hitslees and Kitzlees, all members of the Consumerism Reporters Association decided to dash off to the spanking new medical centre in Herzliya Pituah to have their stomachs pumped out for Shabbat. My colleague from the culinary weekly, *Fress*, went a step further and subjected herself to a colonic irrigation as well. Brave girl!

So this column will be devoted to a pair of new-on-the-market nonfood lines, both locally manufactured.

As we all know, our so-called mattress money is helping the economy. So, along comes an innovative manufacturer to offer us the latest in "black money" mattresses. The company is Gan-Av Ltd. of Kibbutz Degania Zayin. According to Gan-Av managing director Yossi Ha-Ramai, the new mattress "is good for your back but not for your bank."

Besides its well-constructed innerspring infrastructure, the mattress boasts two separate zipper-closure money chambers, one for specie and the other for bills. The entire inner and outer surface of the mattress, including the secret chambers, is treated with Benzolkonium Hydrate CL, the world's most potent anti-Aids prophylactic.

Another novel feature is the built-in mini-computer microprocessor that is programmed on-line at the company by modem from the Cayman Islands currency exchange. Every "deposit" made to the mattress before going to bed is entered into the computer via a tiny alphanumeric keyboard, according to the type of currency (dollar, Swiss franc, etc.) and the amount. Then, whenever foreign banks' Eurodollar certificate of deposit interest rates exceed Israel's inflation, the microprocessor sets off an electrical power relay that sends the mattress's inner springs jumping into your spine. The message is clear: time to take a quickie skiing holidays in the Alps, with a stopover in Zurich. Get it?

The new mattress is called the Lillian Bloom.

Also making its debut on the marketplace this week is a new line of blue-white hemorrhoidal preparations: foam, ointment and suppositories. The manufacturer is a small Hod Hasharon firm called Comfort Plus, for the want of a better name. It was founded less than a year ago by an American oleh, Jake Cohen of Meriden, Connecticut, who used to work as a pile driver in a Saudi off-shore drilling platform.

Unfortunately (or maybe fortunately) the Saudis discovered that Cohen is a Jew, and promptly fired him. This brought him to Israel where, he explains, "I had to start all over again, from the bottom."

EDITOR'S LETTERS

GOOD IDEA

To Prof. Andrei Sakharov, Moscow

Sir, – Your proposal is totally unacceptable, although I have to admit, off the record, it might have its merits.

Permit me to draw attention to the fact that *The* employs a team of highly-trained, brilliant, young – and not-so-young – executives whose sole function is to consider and to reject proposals for improving the paper. We think the paper is just fine.

Editor, *The*

LUNAR ROTATION

To the President of the Royal Geographical Society, London

Sir, – I do not agree with you. If we said in an editorial, as you allege (I haven't checked) that the earth goes round the moon, then round the moon it must go. Our chief leader writer has completed 10 years of schooling over a lengthy period and has at his disposal a fine library of no fewer than four reference books, one of which he has actually read. He could not possible have erred. *You* must have.

Editor, *The*

NUMBERS GAME

To Robin Peter, Kfar Sava

Sir, – You have a nerve complaining about mistakes in our financial data. On checking our files, I see your subscription is three days overdue. Either pay up or expect a letter from our lawyers.

Editor, *The*

DELIVERY PROBLEM

To 'Angry Reader,' Afula

Sir, – So your *The* failed to arrive twice last week. That's a complaint? You must be kidding.

Editor, *The*

APOLOGY

To C.S., Bat Yam

Sir, Madam or Ms. – Your complaint is thoroughly justified, and the entire editorial staff apologizes.

But that doesn't mean we're happy about it.

If you must write to the newspaper, why don't you at least try to say something nice?

In fact, it's nudniks like you who – oh, the heck with it.

Editor, *The*

PIN FRIEND

A cute, acute acupuncture punkist seeking similar (m, f or n) with supply of multicoloured map pins, (favourites blue and white) for pointed conversation and exchanging pinups. Sharp, 2 Needle Drive, Pinner, Mdx. England.

Material for *Post Jerusalem The* was prepared by *Sunday Times* Insight team who, at considerable expense and risk, conducted research into the Dalai Lama's royal archivists' private copy of Pepys' Diary. And so Tibet. To be honest, it was Sam Orbaum, Aaron Sittner, Gershom Gorenberg and Bernard Josephs who contributed. N. David Gross and Lev Bearfield did the rest and put it together.

A jug of bread, a loaf of wine, and pow!

Yeroham Yeroham

Rob Ross

IT DOESN'T snow in north-west Yehoram. Or not very often. And then not very much. Just a little. The young people of the town that hits you in the guts as you drive from the grey-bearded, black-hatted capital to the bare breasts of Scandinavian beauties at the Red Sea pearl if you take the road that nobody now takes who would in Jerusalem be chilling their bottoms on the railings and in Tel Aviv would be frequenting the sleazy cafes off Allenby where the waitresses look tired and wish you'd go home, here, in Yeroham, at least in the bitter north-western section, just stand around, first with their weight on one leg. Then with their weight on the other leg. And then they go home, or to what some call home.

But it wasn't always so. There was a time, when Mapai was Mapai.

The old men were younger then, they didn't need walking sticks. But somehow the same desert-beige sun frizzled the dusty sidewalk in front of the torpid cafe with its chipped cups with their stains of coffee that had in it the sweat of underpaid and often unemployed, often carcinogenated Colombian peons, frizzled mercilessly, without pity, cruel, harsh, brutal, torrid, savage, hot.

But rising star mayor Shmuel Cohen was then just a kid. But a kid with a hope. And a dream. And a bicycle. And a bell.

But things are different on Wednesdays. Too late for the weekly folk-dancing at the desert-brown community centre with its peeling plaster walls. That's on Tuesday. The day after Monday. Too early for the weekly bingo at the desert-grey movie theatre with its cracking stucco exterior. That's on Thursday. Two days before Shabbat.

Wednesday in Yehoram is only what Wednesday can be expected to be.

Somewhere in between. In the desert. Waiting. Not knowing. That's life. That's Yeroham. That's 319 words.

TORA TOMORROW Pinkas Checkim

A 'appy Purim on 'ester Street

THE SCROLL of Esther is not, strictly speaking, really part of the Tora, but I'm not strictly Orthodox and no less an authority than the Rambam has judged Esther "a pretty Jewish Book," so why not have a go? After all, I can't keep nitpicking my way through the same Five Books of Moses year after year, desperately trying to find some new jot and tittle to titillate my readers with. So have a heart, huh?

Having a heart in fact is what the Purim story is all about. Esther, that prototypical Jewish princess, had a heart as big as all outdoors (which, if you will admit, comparatively speaking is pretty darn big). Esther cared for her people, which is more than you can say about a lot of the *tsoosiks* you see running around today. When the Jews were threatened with mass annihilation, did Esther just sit there under the hair dryer without raising a plucked eyebrow? As Nahmanides put it, "No siree bob!" No, indeed, Esther rose to the occasion (incidentally frying her scalp on the hood of the hair dryer).

Esther's generous spirit is referred to many times in the Bible (see for example, *Esther* I:3-5,6-7,8-11,12-13,14-15,20-22; II:3-5,6-7,8-11,12-13,14-15,20-22; III:3-5,6-7,8-11,12-13,14-15,20-22, ff.) But from whence came this purity of soul and goodness of heart?

A clue may be found in the very name of the heroine. Esther, as we recall, actually had two names. Her Hebrew designation was Hadassah, indicating that she was named after that marvellous medical organization and the legions of women around the world who wholeheartedly support it (see, for example, *Esther* I:3-5,6-7,8-11,12-13,14-15,20-22; II:3-5,6-7,8-11, 12-13,14-15, 20-22; III: 3-5, 6-7, 8-11,12-13,14-15, 20-22, ff.) Hadassah of course also means myrtle, but like Altoona, Pennsylvania, that is neither here nor there.

The origin of Esther's other name, namely, Esther, is the subject of some debate. Most of our early sages held that Esther is of Persian origin,

Who will be this year's Purim queen? Vote today! (Bear in mind that one candidate is Jewish only by association, while the other bakes fantastic hommentaschen.)

arising from either the name of the ancient Babylonian goddess Aster, or from the even older Mesopotamian designation for Altoona, Pennsylvania (see, for example, *Esther* I: 3-5, 6-7, 8-11, 12-13, 14-15, 20-22; II: 3-5, 6-7, 8-11, 12-13, 14-15, 20-22; III: 3-5, 6-7, 8-11, 12-13, 14-15, 20-22, ff.)

Yet other Jewish scholars (those, for example, who knew Hebrew) surmised that Esther was actually a cockney version of the verb *hester*, meaning hidden. The obvious reference here is that when the pogroms started, Esther was providentially hidden under the hair dryer (see, for example, *Esther* I:3-5, 6-7, 8-11, 12-13, 14-15, 20-22; II: 3-5, 6-7, 8-11, 12-13, 14-15, 20-22; III: 3-5, 6-7, 8-11, 12-13, 14-15, 20-22, ff.)

The mention of providence cleverly brings up the much-discussed fact that nowhere in the book of Esther is the Lord mentioned (see, for example, *Esther* the whole book). Some scholars hold that it is a mere oversight, while others smell a plot by the secular humanists.

Whatever the case, the Esther story was obviously included in the canon because it so perfectly encapsulates the quintessential story of the Jews, who once again have their collective *tushy* rescued in the nick of time.

So as this happy season arrives and we raise our jelly doughnuts on high (see, for example, *Esther* I:3-5, 6-7,8-11,12-13,14-15,20-22; II: 3-5, 6-7, 8-11, 12-13, 14-15, 20-22; III:3-5,6-7,8-11, 12-13, 14-15, 20-22, ff.), be thankful and of good cheer, remember everything I told you, bundle up when it's cold outside, file your VAT on time and enjoy the holiday – but don't make a whole *megilla* out of it.

(Rabbi Checkim teaches biblical exegesis to anyone who will listen at Ben-Gurion Arid Lecture Institute of the Negev.)

BINGO Jim Sorebum

What to do when your number's up

YOUR TACTICAL approach to bingo begins the moment you enter the stuffy, dingy, smoke-filled hall bedecked with posters of Arnold Schwartzenegger and Lucille Ball.

Try to be early, so you can (a) find a chair that doesn't jiggle, and (b) secure a table whose four (4) legs are each parallel to the Earth's gravitational pull. In bingo parlance, these strategies are known as (a) backside retention, and (b) chip slip prevention.

Hannibal, one of the premier bingo players of his time, was plagued by chip slip throughout his career. In his famous treatise "Hannibal's Great Alpine Bingo Retreats," the Carthaginian Cardfiller, as he was known, relates how he tried to flatten the Alps with laden elephants after a particularly acute case of chip slip cost him an important victory. Enraged, the generally genial general flattened Europe, too, earning him a suspension from the Italian league for three months.

Once you have secured an optimal place, look around you; size up your opponents. If Mrs. Horowitz is there, go over and say "Hello, nice day isn't it. If I hear one bingo! from you tonight you'll never see your grandchildren alive."

It's a subtle maneuver, but ever since "Mugsy" Mozzarella introduced the strategy in the '77 Bingofest at the Our Lady of Grace and Gastroenteritis Church in Provo, Utah, Horowitz has been effectively neutralized with not even a single winning card in nearly 500 consecutive Sunday afternoons.

Another former bingo great, Jim A. Smith (not to be confused with Jim A. Smith, Jim A. Smith Jr. or James A. Smith, none of whom is in the same league as Jim A. Smith), has not been the same since his wife left him.

The greatest threat alive today is Bert "Buffalo" Freebish, a marvellous bingo marksman with nerves of steel, an unerring right "push thumb" and a wheeze. Freebish is the dean of the new-wave bingo approach, stressing defence and disruptive yelling. Who will ever forget the '55 Junior Liechtenstein Championships, the drama, the paralyzing anticipation, the chanting rowds, the luncheon, when Freebish and "King Kong" Kochleffel finessed through to a final-round confrontation.

Freebish, with a brilliantly aimed tobacco-juice spurt, knocked the entire "G" row of chips from King Kong's ace card, while cramping the fearsome Bulgarian native into a B-I corner. But Kochleffel's second card was compensating beautifully. Slugging away nose-to-nose, number-to-number, sweat gland-to-sweat gland, the two gladiators came down to a one-call situation.

Veteran caller Eric "Veteran Caller" Nesterenko pulled a mauve number ball out of the Whirling Dervish (pat. pend.), took a short breath, and at the split second that he placed his chipped front teeth upon his lower lip, Freebish, anticipating an F-word (Forty-two? Fifty-six?) screeched "Twenny-Eight Twenny-Eight!" and with a glib cackle triumphantly slapped a chip on I-28 for a trophy-winning card. Not for nothing is Freebish called "Freebish the Bingo Player."

CRISIS

(Continued from yesterday) worst of both worlds.

The complexities of the strategic conceptualization of mutual, bilateral interrelationships, one on one, with the Hashemite regime of Husni Assad, are not as simple as some geopolitical analysts have predicated.

The congruence of parallel parameters, as Clausewitz expressed it so neatly, need not unduly disturb the ratiocinacious observer. Remember the geese in the Forum.

The change in the situation, in response to the alteration in the circumstances, evidently, it is plain, equates itself, pragmatically at least. As Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir says, "Everything is hunky-doory."

(The writer has a wife, an ex-wife, seven children, two elderly parents, and three unemployed brothers-in-law to support.)

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At left, Jesse Owens. At right, Tel Aviv Maccabi dressage team. The horses unfortunately wouldn't stand around while our photographer was adjusting his tripod.

MUCH OF THE DAY Gil Wrestle

Howzat? Goal!!!!

The glorious days of Don Bradman and Joe Louis were recalled at the Ramat Eliahu arena one day a week or so ago when the league champions defeated or drew with the other team.

The heroism of the underdogs who gallantly struggled against adversity in the form of some of the very worst refereeing this writer has even seen, man and boy, in three continents, was scintillating. They deserve a mighty cheer.

The first goal was pocketed in a nifty sprint by Jimmy what's-his-name, 40:30. At half-time, both men looked equally pooped but the puck was soon on the other foot, with three wickets down and that chap who replaced Rifat Ben-Rimoj touch and go with four personal fouls.

I have never seen more barbaric behaviour than that of the partisan crowd who in beautiful sunshine continually applauded the unsportsmanlike antics of the ferocious home XV and were completely silent – apart from the cracking of sunflower seeds – during the stupendous, if not always successful, forays of the valiant visiting foursome.

Is this the best Israel can do? Shame!

(The writer collects stamps.)

Israel Festival head: 'No tickee, no laundry'

By MARSHA PAIRAPANTS
Post Jerusalem The Reporter

In response to widespread confusion among the public, Israel Festival director Odear Cutup yesterday announced a far-reaching revision of the festival's controversial ticket-purchasing system.

"In order to simplify matters," Cutup told a press conference in Jerusalem, "all ticket-purchasers purchasing tickets before the end of the festival will receive a 50 per cent discount, and all ticket-purchasers purchasing tickets after the end of the festival will receive a 100 per cent discount.

"In addition," Cutup added additionally, "persons making payments with post-dated cheques will receive post-dated tickets. A 10-day post-dated cheque, for example, will qualify the purchaser for a ticket dated 10 days after the scheduled performance. A 20-day post-dated cheque – well, you get the idea. We think this is the fairest arrangement possible."

Cutup then went on to describe the new concept of the rubber ticket. "Purchasers are permitted to write rubber cheques for their tickets," he said, "but they should be warned that tickets can bounce as well. Try anything funny and you're going to wind up bouncing one or two other spectators on your knees at each concert you attend."

Questioned about the fine print in the festival brochure, Cutup said, "Yes, it's true, those people holding tickets at a 50 per cent discount will only get to see 50 per cent of each performance. But our attitude is that one act of a ballet is perfectly adequate to give the idea of what's going on up there on the stage."

Cutup also strongly denied reports that ticket prices had been jacked up by 120 per cent so that selling them at a 50 per cent discount would not mean the festival losing its collective shirt.

"The idea is unheard-of," Cutup said. "Although I must admit, now that I've heard of it, it is not without interest."

The festival director also rejected charges that not enough free street entertainment has been planned. "We've got a price riot scheduled in front of the Knesset for May Day," he said, "and a police charge, under the baton of Jerusalem Police Chief Yossi Bopem, is slated to take place immediately thereafter. We think that should be highly entertaining."

Cutup also announced with regret that the high-wire artist who was scheduled to open the festival by walking a tightrope over the Hinnom Valley will be unable to arrive in time. "That's because he's arriving here by boat," Cutup said. "Seems he's afraid to fly."

Cutup closed the press conference by announcing that his niece is getting married next October. He admitted that this had nothing to do with the festival, but said he was very pleased about it nonetheless.

(The writer is a fighter for the right to fly kites.)

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A day for solidarity

Randi Jo Land reports on last week's observance in Tel Aviv of International Women's Day.

Ostrowitz and her exhibition: A weak image of women.

(IPPA)

SEVENTY-EIGHT years after the first women's demonstration for better work conditions in the United States. women in Israel last Sunday celebrated International Women's Day in solidarity with women around the world.

This annual event is marked here be three traditions, each of which took place in Tel Aviv this year: The Israel Feminist Movement sponsored an evening of women's entertainment at Beit Lessin; the Women Against Violence Against Women organization held a memorial service for women who have been victims of violence; and the Committee for Women's Equality and Peace organized a march of several hundred down Rehov Dizengoff.

In addition, several other highlights of the day attracted wider recognition this year.

One of these events was a campaign conducted at five bus stations around the country to raise women's consciousness concerning their right not to be molested by men on public transportation. The campaign was organized in conjunction with the country's rape crisis centres, Women to Women (Haifa); the Women's Network and the Feminist Movement.

Volunteers distributed 5,000 cards to women at bus stations in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Netanya and Rehovot, catching the heavy Sunday morning flow of traffic.

The cards, which were printed in Hebrew, read: "Dear Traveller, if your neighbour on the bus bothers you or touches you against your will, give him this card. Have a nice, peaceful trip." And to the card's recipient, it said, "You have crossed the limit. It is my right to travel without you bothering me. Enough!"

The reaction to the cards ranged from surprise, to rejection, to gratitude.

"Women who received it may put it in their pocket and never use it. But at least they'll know if it happens that harrassment is not happening just to them," said volunteer Miri Sager, who distributed the cards in Jerusalem.

An exhibition at Beit Sokolow in Tel Aviv of the protrayal of women in the Hebrew press was another highlight of this year's International Women's Day celebration.

The exhibition was organized by feminist Rachel Ostrowitz, an architect by profession and a recipient of a New Israel Fund fellowship which is enabling her to study women's status. The goal of her day-long exhibition was to raise public awareness of the image of women portrayed by the media, said Ostrowitz, who is also an editor of the women's magazine *Noga*.

For the exhibition, Ostrowitz chose a random day in February on which she bought 10 Hebrew newspapers, which she read from cover to cover, underlining any reference to women. From this exercise, she discovered several significant findings:

"If we didn't have a woman minister of health and nurses on strike, there would be no mention of women in the first few pages of the newspapers," Ostrowitz noted. Almost no reference at all was made to women in the economic papers, except as "wife of" or "daughter of." The main achievement for women in the media is often how they look, she said, or how they are perceived by others.

Perhaps the most frightening discovery was that women are often mentioned as victims of violence.

"The amount of information on rapes, sexual molestation is unbelievable on one random day," Ostrowitz said, adding that this perpetuates an image of women as weak, powerless objects subject to someone else's whims.

WOMEN FIRST began to fight for their rights at the turn of the century, led in part by the American Suffragette Movement's demands for women's right to vote. In 1910, one year after the first Chicago demonstration, an international forum of women in Copenhagen decided to call March 8 International Women's Day.

Historically, on that date, women around the world – including those in Russia and China – have demonstrated for their rights. Although the day's activities declined during and after WWII, interest was renewed with the advent of the Women's Movement in the United States during the late 1960s.

What began as a fight for equal rights, however, has also become a campaign to change not only the status but the image of women in society.

Ostrowitz, like those active in Israel's women's organizations, is trying to change negative images in the media and in the public consciousness, but they recognize that the change is part of a long process.

Safe and sound

In a family-style environment, without drugs, emotionally disturbed boys are getting back on track at the B'nai B'rith Children's Home in Jerusalem, writes Greer Fay Cashman.

AT FIRST glance, they look like boys anywhere else in the world – some are quiet, some are boisterous, some are cute, some are mischievous.

But all of the 72 boys at the B'nai B'rith Women's (BBW) residential treatment centre in Jerusalem have severe emotional disturbances. Nearly all have been through different forms of care before being referred there, says the organization's international president Irma Gertler, who was here on a recent visit, but nothing worked for them.

They are children who have endured terrible emotional sufferings, according to Gertler. Sometimes they are the offspring of two psychotics. In some cases, one parent is in jail and the other is a drug addict or an alcoholic. Often the child has been physically abused.

Thus, the boys, aged 8-14, come to the BBW Children's Home in Bayit Vegan loaded down with trauma and aggression.

"They are children who have never felt safe, never bonded with an adult, never had an identity of their own," says Gertler. At the home, where they stay for a minimum period of five years, they are given treatment designed "to make each child feel safe, secure and loved."

Gertler is proud of the fact that no drugs are used in therapy, and that the "success ratio" is as high as 70 per cent.

AT THE home, a family-style environment has been created for the boys who live in groups of 12 in cottages supervised by two childcare workers – one male and one female. These are not surrogate parents, Gertler emphasizes, but they do give the youngsters the emotional stability which has been lacking in their lives.

After being in the home, very few of the boys return to the homes of their parents. Most are transferred to vocational boarding schools, to agricultural schools or to kibbutzim. Those who remain longer in the care of BBW move into a group home, which accommodates 20 youngsters, aged 14 - 18. BBW also maintain an apartment for 18 - 21 year-olds who have nowhere to go when they are on leave from the army.

If 120,000 B'nai B'rith women are "doing their own thing" as women in an organization which was founded by men, the question must be asked how it is that they are providing care for emotionally disturbed boys and not for girls. This is not the first time that Gertler has had to furnish a reply. The issue has been raised by BBW members themselves.

Apparently, according to Gertler, girls do not suffer as severely from emotional disturbances as boys. They respond more quickly to treatment and less of them require it. There is also the matter of funds.

It is not advisable, she says, to place emotionally disturbed children between eight and 14 in a coeducational atmosphere. This would be detrimental to both boys and girls. Since the project started out with boys in 1943, BBW would rather continue to do a good job as it has done to date, instead of having to divide its funds between two campuses and, possibly, achieve poorer results.

Today, the ratio between youngsters and staff is one to one. Gertler is not sure that this could be maintained if salaries had to be paid on two separate campuses. She doesn't rule out the possibility that BBW may one day be able to create a facility for girls – but does not see it happening in the near future.

The challenge now facing BBW is to raise enough money to expand its existing campus so that it can increase the number of wards by 24.

Another project BBW has run successfully for 20 years, notes Gertler, has been organized in conjunction with Hillel: bringing Arab and Jewish university students together at Hillel House. The aim is to create understanding, mutual exploration of each other's culture and, ultimately, peaceful co-existence. Till now, the Jews in the programme were Israelis. As of this year, the programme will also be open to overseas students who are staying in Israel.

A former Canadian who recently settled in Dallas, Texas, Gertler has been a member of BBW for 25 years. There were numerous other Jewish women's organizations with attractive programmes but she chose BBW for two reasons: One was that her own skills were in the area of leadership training and development, and BBW more than any other organization offered her the opportunity to exercise those skills. The other was that inasmuch as BBW is devoted to Israel and all things Jewish, it also has numerous projects within the U.S. and Canada. Gertler simply preferred its more balanced approach to organizational activity.

The Jewish woman who wants to become involved, she observes, has never had as great a variety of choice as she has today. Each of the women's organizations offers something important. Says Gertler, "There are more 'pulls' on women today than at any time in history."

BBW may not be the largest of Jewish women's organizations – nor is it the oldest – but it has made significant contributions to Israel and to Jewish and non-Jewish communities abroad. "One thing we do well," declares Gertler with pride, "is train leaders. We've given top women leadership to the various Jewish federations." She is equally proud of BBW's ongoing relations with Hillel and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

Golda Meir prize

Lea Levavi

WHEN NAZI hunter Beate Klarsfeld rose in Tel Aviv's Cameri Theatre last Sunday night to collect Na'amat's Golda Meir Prize, both she and the prize-givers breathed a sigh of relief.

"Na'amat was worried that I wouldn't get here in time to accept the prize, but I knew I'd get here," said Klarsfeld.

Several days before receiving the women's organization award, Klarsfeld was expelled from Syria, where she had gone to try to track down Nazi war criminal Alois Brunner. Klarsfeld believes that Brunner is living there under the name Fischer.

"I spent the night in a little room at the airport hoping someone would tell the Syrian officials that my visa was valid and that I should be allowed into the country," she said, adding that she was deported back to France the next morning.

Klarsfeld's husband Serge contacted Interpol about the Brunner case and, for the first time, the international police organization seemed willing to cooperate.

As far as other suspected Nazi War criminals are concerned, Klarsfeld admitted that she is not following the Demjanjuk trial. She does, however, see it as a good history lesson for Israel's younger generation which, she added, normally does not want to hear about the Holocaust.

The mother of a 21-year-old son and a 13-year-old daughter, Klarsfeld said Brunner and Klaus Barbie, who is to be tried in France, will be the last cases she and her husband will pursue. After that, they will devote their efforts to fighting anti-Semitism.

She said she was the first non-Jewish German whose hand Menahem Begin was willing to shake. At the award's ceremony, she stressed that no German can sweep the Holocaust under the rug as an "historical accident."

The other prize-winner was Yehudit Simhoni of Kibbutz Geva, herself a long-time Na'amat activist and former Knesset member. Simhoni donated the NIS 5,000 prize money to the women's organization because she said it was Na'amat which gave her the strength to undertake her public and political activities.

At the awards ceremony deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said that anyone who wrote the biography of the three women – Golda Meir, Beate Klarsfeld and Yehudit Simhoni, would be writing the story of the Jewish people in our time.

The Golda Meir Prize, donated by Bank Hapoalim, is awarded annually by Na'amat and by the Committee for the Memory of Golda Meir.

Children in pain

Alan Elsner/London

IN BRITAIN, which gave the world such delightful and carefree images of childhood as Winnie the Pooh and Peter Pan, between three and four children die every week as a result of parental cruelty or neglect.

The figure was released recently in the annual report of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC).

Social care experts, who fear Britain is facing a child abuse crisis, say the figures may be only the tip of an iceberg.

A new charity launched several months ago to run "Childline" – a free telephone service for children in trouble or in danger – received around 500 calls every day during its first four weeks of operation.

Many callers hung up before saying anything to the counsellors at the other end of the line. Several thousand others poured out their troubles in painful conversations that sometimes went on for hours.

"We had no idea that child abuse, particularly sexual abuse, was as common as it is," said Childline director Paul Griffiths. "In one month, we have documented over 1,000 cases of children suffering from sexual abuse and there's no way that young children can make these kind of stories up," he said.

Available statistics suggest that as many as one in 10 British children are molested. Some experts believe the real figure is even higher.

"The British family is a very private and protected place and it is unlikely that the dark figure of sexual abuse will ever be known," said David Pithers, a psychotherapist at the National Children's Home, a voluntary organization offering medical and financial aid to children.

THE PROBLEM of child abuse came to the public eye last year in a series of court cases involving parents accused of killing or maiming their children.

In the case of four-year-old Jasmine Beckford, social workers visited her house 78 times in the year before her death but failed to notice that her stepfather was starving and torturing her. Finally, he beat her to death.

In another case, a father locked his baby daughter in her bedroom because she would not stop crying. When she eventually starved to death, he left the decaying body there for several months until it was discovered by police who were alerted by a suspicious neighbour.

According to the NSPCC, the number of reported cases of sexual abuse of children more than doubled last year, while there was a two-thirds rise in serious or fatal injuries.

NSPCC director Alan Gilmour said it was unclear how much the increase was a result of better reporting and how much it reflected an actual increase in abuse.

Gilmour said the problem was partly due to external problems such as unemployment, debt and poor housing and partly to "marital discord and inability to deal with normal childhood behaviour."

Griffiths estimated that only about one-fifth of all child abuse incidents ever came to the knowledge of the authorities. Ninety per cent of those calling Childline were careful to protect their anonymity, he said.

"Children instinctively know that intervention of the authorities will mean people coming in, breaking up their families and taking them into institutions," he said.

One Childline counsellor, Pat Chrisfield, said many children found it almost unbearably painful to talk about their experiences.

"A child who has been raped, perhaps regularly, feels fear, shame, humiliation, guilt, helplessness, self-disgust and often physical pain. That's a lot for a child to live with," she said.

"The fact of the matter is we do not listen to children enough. We are too accustomed to regarding them as a messy nuisance," said Griffiths. "If we continue to believe that children should be seen and not heard, their silence protects the molester."

(Reuter)

Women vs. rabbinical courts

THE STATUS of women in the rabbinical courts will be the focus of a talk by lecturer/author Dr. Ada Aharoni, sponsored by the Women's Awareness Centre of Netanya.

The lecture, in English, will take place Tuesday (March 17) at 8:30 p.m. at the Aaci office, 28 Shmuel Hanatziv. A small entrance fee will be charged. For more about the activities of the centre and the courses it sponsors, call Marlene (92136) or Joyce (39098).

Today is edited by Amy Levinson.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL TV

9.00 Teletext **9.03** Keep Fit **9.15** Pretty Butterfly **9.40** Stories from Around the World **10.05** Jazz **11.00** The Man from Clover Grove – film **12.25** Animals Animals Animals **13.25** Laurel and Hardy **14.00** Teletext **14.03** Keep Fit **14.15** Venetian Carnival **15.30** Rehov Sumsum **16.00** This is It – live magazine **17.00** A New Evening – live magazine

ISRAEL TV

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES

17.30 Rolling – behind the scenes of a circus **18.00** Lucky Luke – animated Western

ARABIC LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

18.30 News roundup **18.32** With the Stars **18.45** Inventions and Innovations **19.00** Weekly News Magazine

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at **20.00** with a news roundup

20.02 Allegro – music quiz

21.00 Mabat Newsreel

21.30 Dynasty – American series

22.20 Quotation Mark – literature programme hosted by Yaron London

23.00 The Twilight Zone – series of short films, the heroes of which are seemingly ordinary people, with supernatural powers

23.20 News

JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17.30 Cartoons **18.00** French Hour **19.30** News in Hebrew **20.00** News in Arabic **20.30** Who's the Boss **21.10** Documentary **22.00** News in English **22.20** Spearfield's Daughter

MIDDLE EAST TV

13.30 Another Life **14.00** 700 Club **14.30** Good News **15.00** Arabic Movie **17.00** Flying House **17.30** Muppets **18.00** Punky Brewster **18.30** Silver Spoons **19.00** Sixty Minutes **20.00** Eubie **21.00** Movie: Two Years before the Mast **22.30** Good News

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6.02 Morning Melodies **7.08** Mozart: Concerto for Oboe and Orchestra; Milhaud: Scaramouche Suite for Piano Duet (Eden, Tamir); Falla: Spanish Folk Suite; Faure: Masques et bergamasques **9.00** Poulenc: "Les biches," ballet; Rodrigo: Concert Serenade for Harp and Orchestra (Zabaleta); Rimsky-Korsakov: Cappricio Espagnol (Moscow Radio/Fedoseyev); Paganini: Violin Concerto No.2; Brahms: Variations on a Theme by Haydn (New York/Mehta); Gounod: "Faust," ballet music (New York/Bernstein) **12.00** Hillel and Ruth Zeri, cello and piano – Beethoven: Sonata No.4; Kodaly: Sonatas for Cello **13.05** Beethoven: 12 Minuets; Mozart: Quartet for Oboe K.370; Quartet for Flute K.285; Bruch: Concerto for Violin (Weidman); Haydn: Sonata for Organ (Haselbock) **15.00** Contemporary Music **16.00** Vocal Works by Charpantier, Janacek and Haydn **18.00** "Evening Entertainment with the Orchestra" **19.00** Light Classical Music **20.05** Musical Medley **20.30** Purim Programme **21.30** Operette **22.30** Purim Songs of the Sephardic Jews **23.00** Rachmaninov: Preludes for Piano; Tchaikovsky: Songs

RADIO 1st

6.03 Programmes for Olim **7.30** Programme in Easy Hebrew **8.05** Compass – with Benny Hendel **9.05** Information for Listeners **10.05** Morning Pearls **11.05** Hebrew songs **11.30** Folksongs **12.05** Mid-East Medley **13.00** News in English **13.30** News in French **14.05** Children's programmes **15.05** Purim songs **16.05** Enrichment – youth magazine **18.05** Bible Reading **18.15** Reading of *Megillat Esther* **19.30** Programmes for Olim **22.05** Folk dances

RADIO 2nd

6.12 Reading of *Megillat Esther* **6.53** Green Light – drivers' corner **7.00** This Morning – news magazine **8.05** Making an Issue **9.05** House Call – with Rivka Michaeli **10.05** All Shades of the Network – morning magazine **11.30** Safe Journey **12.10** O.K. on Two **13.00** Midday – news commentary, music **14.30** Humour **15.05** Magic Moments **16.05** Songs and Readings for Purim **17.05** Economics Magazine **18.05** Excerpts from Yehonatan Gefen's new show **18.45** Today in Sport **19.05** Today – radio newsreel **19.35** The Jewish People **20.05** Oriental songs **22.05** Yiddish songs **23.05** Third Bell – arts magazine

ARMY RADIO

6.05 University on the Air **6.30** Open Your Eyes – songs, information **7.07** "707" – with Alex Ansky **8.00** Good Morning Israel **9.05** Skits and Humour – with Dori Ben-Ze'ev **11.05** Right for Purim **13.05** What's Doing Marathon **17.00** Evening Newsreel **18.05** Encore – with Hanna Laszlo **19.05** Historical Meeting **20.05** Popular songs **22.05** Information, regards and radio games for soldiers on duty **00.05** Purim Night Birds – songs, chat

DAILY ENGLISH BROADCASTS
ISRAEL RADIO
on 576 and 1458 kiloHertz
07.00-7.15 News and Press Review
13.00-13.30 News followed by:
SUNDAY – "This Land" travel magazine
MONDAY – "Mainstream" consumer and community affairs
TUESDAY – "Israel Mosaic" weekly magazine
WEDNESDAY – "With me in the studio" guest interview
THURSDAY – "Studio Three" arts magazine
FRIDAY – "Thank Goodness It's Friday"
SATURDAY – "Spotlight" people and issues in the news
17.00-17.05 News
20.00-20.15 News

CINEMA

Note schedule changes due to Purim.

JERUSALEM

Beit Agron: Tarzan's New York Adventure 10, 1; Bilbi 11:30 a.m., 2:30; Sound of Music 4:15; Top Secret 7:15, 12 midnight; The Mouse that Roared 8:45 p.m.; Bananas 10:30 p.m. **Cinematheque:** The Producers 7; Steamboat Bill Jr. & The General 7 (small hall); Room Service 9:30 (small hall); Monty Python's Meaning of Life 9:30; Sleeper 12 midnight; **Eden:** The Big Gag (Candid Camera) 4:30, 7, 9 (Sun., Mon. also 10:30 a.m.; 12:30); **Edison:** Firewalker 4:30, 7, 9; **Habira:** Orion's Belt 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; **Jerusalem Theatre:** The Hive 6:45, 9:15; **Kfir:** Platoon 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Mitchell:** The Fly 7, 9 (Sun., Mon. also 11 a.m.); **Orgil:** The Color of Money 4:15, 6:45; 9:15 (Sun., Mon. 10 a.m., 12:30; **Orion Or 1:** Crocodile Dundee 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; Annie 10:30 a.m., 12:30; **Orion Or 3:** Jumpin' Jack Flash 4:30, 7, 9; Big Trouble in Little China 10:30 a.m., 12:30; Prizzi's Honor 11:30 p.m.; **Orion Or 4:** Jumpin' Jack Flash 4:30, 7, 9; Karate Kid I, 10:30 a.m., 12:30; Outsiders 11:30 p.m.; **Orion Or 5:** The Killing Fields 8:30 p.m.; Remo 4:30, 6:45; Bosom Friends 10:30 a.m., 12:30; New Hampshire Hotel 11:30 p.m.; **Orna:** Off Beat 4:30, 7, 9; **Ron:** Mosquito Coast 4:30, 7, 9.15; **Semadar:** My Beautiful Laundrette 7, 9:15.

TEL AVIV

Beit Leissin: Play It Again Sam 11:15 p.m.; **Ben-Yehuda:** The Big Gag (Candid Camera) 11, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10; **Chen 1:** The Color of Money 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Bambi, Sun., Mon. 10:30, 12:30, 2:30; **Chen 2:** Joshua Then and Now 7:25, 9:45; Bambi 4:45, 6:15 (Sun., Mon. 10, 12:30, 2:30); **Chen 3:** Soul Man 5, 7:35, 9:45; Blackbeard's Ghost, Sun., Mon. 10:30 a.m., 2:30; **Chen 4:** Malcolm, Sun., Mon. 7:30, 9:40; Tue.-Thur. 11, 2, 5, 7:30, 9:40; Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp, Sun., Mon. 10:30, 12:30, 2:30; **Chen 5:** Ruthless People, Sun., Mon. 5, 7:30; Tue.-Thur. 11, 2, 5, 7:30; Blue Velvet 9:40 p.m.; **Cinema One:** Hannah and her Sisters 4:30; 7:15, 9:30; **Cinema Two:** Bouba 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Dekel:** Crocodile Dundee 7:15, 9:30; **Dizengoff 1:** Decline of the American Empire 11, 1:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40; **Dizengoff 2:** The Mission 11, 1:30, 4:45; 7:15, 9:40; **Dizengoff 3:** A Room With a View 11, 1:30; 4:45; Mona Lisa 7:15, 9:40; **Drive-In:** The Big Gag (Candid Camera) 7:30, 9:30; Sex film 12 midnight; **Esther:** Off Beat 5, 7:15, 9:40; **Gat:** Jumpin' Jack Flash 5, 7:15, 9:40; **Hakolnoa ZOA House:** Ginger and Fred 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 (exc. Wed.); **Hod:** Rumpelstiltskin 11, 4:30; **Israel Cinematheque:** 1941 at 7:30; Oh God You Devil 9:30; **Lev 1:** Mosquito Coast 2, 5, 7:15, 9:40; **Lev 2:** Summer 2, 5, 7:40, 9:40; **Lev 3:** Choose Me 2, 5, 9:40; **Lev 4:** Orion's Belt 2, 5, 7:40, 9:40; **Limor Hamehudash:** Peggy Sue Got Married 4:30, 7:15, 9:40; Clan of the Cave Bear 11 a.m., 2; **Maxim:** Ninja, Killer Invisible 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; **New Gordon:** The Fly 4:30; 7:15, 9:30; **Orly:** closed for renovations; **Paris:** 37 Degrees in the Morning 11:45, 2, 4:15, 7, 9:30; **Peer:** Sweet Dreams 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Shahaf:** Platoon 4:15, 7, 9:30; **Sivan:** My Third Problem 5, 7:30, 9:40; **Tamuz:** Et la Tendresse?... Bordel! 7:30; 9:40; **Tchelet:** Round Midnight 4:30, 7, 9:35; **Tel Aviv:** Firewalker 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Tel Aviv Museum:** Shoah (I) at 1; True Stories 7:30, 9:30; **Zafon:** Reopening soon with "The Name of the Rose"

HAIFA

Amphitheatre: Hell Camp 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Armon:** Off Beat 4:30, 6:45, 9; **Atzmon 1:** The Big Gag (Candid Camera) 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Atzmon 2:** Super Ninja 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; **Chen Hamehudash:** Malcolm 4:30, 6:45, 9; **Keren Or Hamehudash:** La Edition 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Orah:** Platoon 4, 6:30, 9; **Orly:** Peggy Sue Got Married 6:45, 9; Blackbeard's Ghost 11, 4:30; **Peer:** Crocodile Dundee 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Rav-Gat 1:** The Color of Money 4:15, 6:45, 9:15; Bambi 10:30 a.m., 12:30; **Rav-Gat 2:** Soul Man 7, 9:15; Bambi, Sun., Mon. 4:30; Alice in Wonderland 10:30 a.m., 12:30; **Ron:** Firewalker 4:30, 6:45, 9; **Shavit:** Throne of Blood 7, 9:15.

RAMAT GAN

Armon: The Fly 7:15, 9:40; **Lily:** Platoon 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Oasis:** The Color of Money 4:30, 7, 9:40; **Ordea:** The Big Gag (Candid Camera) 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Rav-Gan 1:** Soul Man 7:30, 9:45; Bambi, Sun., Mon. 10:30, 12:35, 2:35, 4:40; **Rav-Gan 2:** Jumpin' Jack Flash 7:25, 9:45; Alice in Wonderland, Sun., Mon. 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:40; **Rav-Gan 3:** The Gods Must Be Crazy 5, 7:20; My Beautiful Laundrette 9:40; Journey of Natty Gann, Sun., Mon. 10:30, 12:30, 2:30; **Rav Gan 4:** Joshua Then and Now 7:10, 9:40; Bilbi, Sun., Mon. 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:40.

HERZLIYA

Dan Accadia: Joshua Then and Now 7, 9:30; **Daniel Hotel:** Forbidden 7:15, 9:30 (exc. Wed.); **David:** The Big Gag (Candid Camera) 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 (exc. Mon.); **Hechal:** Firewalker 7:15, 9:30; Rumpelstiltskin, Sun., Mon. 11, 4; **New Tiferet:** The Gods Must Be Crazy 7:15, 9:15.

HOLON

Armon Hamehudash: Ginger and Fred 7, 9:30 (exc. Mon.); **Migdal:** The Color of Money 7:15, 9:40; **Savoy:** Firewalker 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Rumpelstiltskin, Sun., Mon. 11 a.m.,

BAT YAM

Atzmaut: Firewalker 7:30; 9:30, Rumpelstiltskin 11, 4, 6;

GIVATAYIM

Hadar: Rumpelstiltskin 11, 4:30, 7; Some Like It Hot 9:30.

RAMAT HASHARON

Kochav: Legal Eagles 7, 9:30; Care Bears 11, 4 (Tue., Thur. 4).

PETAH TIKVA

G.G. Hechal 1: Platoon 4:15, 7, 9:30; Rumpelstiltskin, Sun., Mon. 11 a.m.; **G.G. Hechal 2:** Firewalker 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Children's Hour, Sun., Mon. 11 a.m.; **G.G. Hechal 3:** Bouba 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Tarzan Escapes, Sun., Mon. 11 a.m.

RISHON LEZION

G.G. Ron 1: Crocodile Dundee 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:15, 6, 8, 10; **G.G. Ron 2:** The Big Gag (Candid Camera) 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:15, 6, 8, 10.

WHAT'S ON

JERUSALEM

Museums

ISRAEL MUSEUM. New Exhibitions: Ancient Masks and Rattles, special Purim and general exhibit, from Neolithic to Roman period (Rockefeller) ◊ Felix Nussbaum (1904-1944), artist who perished in Holocaust ◊ "From Dudu to 3D", Meet an Israeli Artist, David Gerstein ◊ Artists Quoting Artists ◊ **Continuing Exhibitions:** Tamara Rikman: The Bewitched Shore, tempera and lacquer paintings of Givat Aliya-Jaffa ◊ Yehezkel Streichman, comprehensive show of oils, 1940's to present ◊ New York Now: 8 new-generation New York artists, representing East Village galleries trends ◊ Animals in Ancient Art (Rockefeller) ◊ Ancient Glass ◊ Bethlehem Embroidery, dresses and portions of costumes (until 28.3) ◊ Flowers, Fruit and Trees, photographs by Shai Ginot (until 15.3) ◊ Illustrations in Modelling Clay, book illustrating by Rony Oren ◊ Islamic Art (Paley Centre, opp. Rockefeller) ◊ Permanent exhibitions of Archeology, Judaica and Ethnic Art.

VISITING HOURS: Main Museum 10-5. Opening Exhibition, "Ancient Masks and Rattles" (Archaeological-Rockefeller Mus.). 10:30 & 3:30: Children's film, "The White Swan". 11 & 3: Guided tour of Museum in English. 11: Guided tour of Archaeological (Rockefeller) Museum in English, 1:30: Guided tour of Shrine of the Book in English.

L.A. MAYER MUSEUM FOR ISLAMIC ART. Visiting hours: Sun.-Thurs. 10-1; 3:30-6. Fri. closed. Sat. and holiday eves 10-1. 2 Hapalmach St., Tel. 02-661291/2. Bus No. 15.

Conducted Tours

HADASSAH – TOURISM DEPT. The Tourism Center will be closed Mon., March 16 (Shushan Purim) and Tue., March 17 on the occasion of Hadassah's 75th Jubilee celebration.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY

English tours daily Sunday through Thursday: 1. Mount Scopus, 11 a.m. from the Bronfman Reception Centre, Administration Building. Buses 9, 28, 4a, 26 & 23 to the first underground stop. 2. Givat Ram Campus, 9 & 11 a.m. from the Sherman Building. Buses 9, 28, & 24. Tel. 882819.

AMIT WOMEN (formerly American Mizrachi Women). Free Morning Tours – 8 Alkalai Street, Jerusalem. Tel. 02-699222.

TEL AVIV

Museums

TEL AVIV MUSEUM. New Exhibitions: Alexander Archipenko, A Centennial Tribute, 50 sculptures, sculpto-paintings and drawings. **Continuing Exhibitions:** ◊ Sitings (closes 16.3) ◊ Oskar Kokoschka, 1886-1980. Selection of Prints and Albums ◊ Trends in Geometric Abstract Art ◊ Edvard Munch, prints: Death, Love and Anxiety. VISITING HOURS: Sun.-Thur. 10-2, 5-9. Sat. 11-2, 7-10; Fri. closed. **Helena Rubinstein Pavilion: Exhibition:** Closed for installation of new exhibition. **Visiting Hours:** Sun.-Thur. 10-2; 5-9. Sat. 11-2; 7-10. Fri. closed.

Conducted Tours

AMIT WOMEN (formerly American Mizrachi Women). Free Morning Tours – Tel Aviv, Tel. 220187, 233154.

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PIONEER WOMEN – NA'AMAT. Morning tours. Tel Aviv, 210791. Jerusalem 244878.

HADASSAH VISITORS DEPT. Astor Hotel, Room 01, 105 Hayarkon St., Tel. 03-223141.

HAIFA

Museums

HAIFA MUSEUM, 26 Shabbtai Levy St. Tel. 04-523255. Exhibitions: **Modern Art:** Facing the Mirror – The Israeli Caricature, Now. **Ancient Art** – Jewish coins of the Second Temple Period, Egyptian textiles, terracotta figurines. **Music & Ethnology:** world paper cuts. Open: Sun.-Thur. & Sat. 10-1; Tue., Thur. & Sat. also 6-9. **Ticket also admits to National Maritime, Prehistoric and Japanese Museums.**

WHAT'S ON IN HAIFA, dial 04-640840.

Landowners seeking NIS 2m. from Jumbo

By DAVID ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The legal battle between property owners and the developers of a huge residential community southeast of Jerusalem grew sharper last week, as a Tel Aviv District Court attached the company's bank accounts.

At issue is whether the developer, Jumbo Building Co. of Tel Aviv, ever intends to go ahead with construction at the site, Ramat Kidron, or indeed if the company has legal rights to the land at all.

Jumbo began accepting deposits of $3,500 to $5,000 for one-dunam plots in 1982. But, as of today, no construction has begun on either homes or infrastructure, despite promises by Jumbo that work was to begin shortly.

Meanwhile, a West Bank body, the Committee on Land Registration, has prohibited any building on the site until a dispute over ownership is settled. Residents of a nearby Arab village, Abidieh, claim to own the land.

On Thursday, the Tel Aviv court placed a lieu on NIS 1.9 million in funds held by Jumbo in seven bank accounts. The amount represents the sum of deposits and other fees paid by 121 of the estimated 1,350 people who acquired rights to plots in Ramat Kidron, according to papers filed by attorneys Shmuel Berkovits and Elimelech Crystal.

It is the second suit to be brought against Jumbo and its top officers – Ami Frumecenko, Yehiel Shaul, Ya'acov Tsebag and David More – by the two attorneys. In November, representing 66 property owners, who participated in last week's action – as well, they sued to recover NIS 1m. in deposits and won an attachment order on Jumbo accounts at four banks.

The accounts were later found to be empty, according to Crystal. *Thus, in the suit filed last week*, he sought to attach the money in all seven of Jumbo's accounts, although he doubts much will be found in any of them.

"I'm hoping, but I'm a little skeptical," Crystal told *The Jerusalem Post*, alleging that most of the estimated $5 million collected by Jumbo was deposited abroad or is held by other companies.

Phone calls to Jumbo were unanswered and none of the four officials named in the suit has a listed number.

Jumbo began signing up its first buyers in 1982. They purchased rights to build on one-dunam lots, whose actual allocation was to be determined by lottery, Crystal said. It was also understood by buyers that they would have to pay an additional $5,000 for infrastructure development, which was scheduled to be completed by August 1985.

An advertising campaign for the Ramat Kidron project got underway in spring 1983, and quickly resulted in somewhere between 1,000 and 1,350 plots being sold for a total of $5m., Crystal said.

Shortly afterwards, a group of Arab landowners from Abidieh won an injunction from the Land Registration Committee. Nonetheless, according to Crystal and other sources, Jumbo continued to sell plots without informing buyers of the injunction.

"They didn't tell the people until six months later that an injunction had been issued and that no one could touch the property until the committee determined who the land belonged to," recalled Crystal.

In addition, attorneys from the Jewish National Fund and State Attorney's office warned against trying to develop the area, and the IDF closed it off in 1983.

Nevertheless, documents show Jumbo continued to take deposits on plots and collect infrastructure fees up to July 1984 and said as late as June that year that property owners could begin building their homes. The company said the land had been registered in *tabu* (the land registry).

Doubts began surfacing about Jumbo's commitments and in August 1985, two Citizens Rights Movement MKs, Yossi Sarid and Dedi Zucker, accused Jumbo of pocketing the deposit money and had no plans beginning construction. They implicated Ronnie Milo, then a Herut MK and today deputy foreign minister, in the affair, noting that his law firm was involved in the land deals.

Crystal said a hearing on the suit filed last week would be held within three months.

CORRECTION

Income last year for Clal Trading Ltd. was reported incorrectly in Friday's *Jerusalem Post*. The correct figure is $390.52 million, up 8 per cent from 1985.

EXECUTIVE CHANGES

Top posts filled at Alliance

YINON ESRONI replaces **ARYE EPHRAT** as general manager of Alliance Tire and Rubber Co. and **MOSHE PELED** is the new chairman. Esroni was general manager of Automotive Industries Ltd., in Nazareth Illit for the past three years. For the past three years Peled has been head of the mechanics division of Koor Industries Ltd.

GADI LUSTIG has been appointed manager of the marketing branch of Etz Hazaith Ltd., the Koor Ltd. consumer products company. He will be responsible over product development. Lustig, married with three children, was marketing manager of Agudat HaKormim, Carmel Wines, Asis Co. and Stock Co.

Eichut Computers Ltd., a developer of software for business has named **YA'ACOV WEINSTEIN** to the board of directors as a public representative. Weinstein is currently general manager of Afikim Co. and in the past was general manager of Security Co.

After 10 years as chairman of the board, **HAIM YARON** is leaving Cyclone Aviation Products Ltd., at *the end of this month*.

Binyan Mortgage Bank has appointed **MOSHE OLNIK** as chairman of the board. In addition,

Ararat's Avi Belaban

PERETZ LITMAN, MOSHE BOROSHIK, and **MEIR BAKAR** were elected to the board's controls committee.

AVI BELABAN, 45, is the new assistant general manager of Ararat Insurance Co. Belban served as vice manager and manager of the life insurance unit.

Belaban studied at various universities in Canada and at Tel Aviv University before beginning his career in the insurance business in Britain.

The Israel-Belgium-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce has selected attorney **AVIEZER CHELOUCHE** as its president, replacing **ELIAHU OUHANA**, who served in the position for two years. Chelouche worked as assistant director-general for economic affairs at the Foreign *Ministry and as president of the* umbrella organization in Israel for bi-national chambers of commerce before assuming his new post.

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Jordan's plans for potash

Arab Potash Co., burdened with huge debt and marketing problems, plans to step up investment to increase output and strengthen Jordan's position among the world's potash producers.

The pan-Arab firm, which has been *losing money since going into* production in 1983, produced 1.1 million metric tons last year, compared with 908,500 tons in 1985, Managing Director Ali Ensour says. The investment programme aims to increase output in two stages to between 1.8 million and 2 million tons by 1993.

Last year's production represented roughly 2.7 per cent of total world output of about 42 million tons and made Jordan the seventh largest producer after the Soviet Union, Canada, East and West Germany, France and Israel.

Jordan holds a 52 per cent stake in the company. Other shareholders are the governments of Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Kuwait, the Islamic Development Bank and the Arab Mining Co.

Potash, which is used for fertilizers, is usually mined. But, like

A second project, expected to cost

Israel, Jordan uses solar evaporation and other complex means to harvest potash from the mineral rich Dead Sea.

Ensour says a $25 million project is underway to expand the annual output capacity from 1.2 million to 1.4 million tons in 1989, with loans from the Islamic Development Bank and the World Bank.

$100m. aims to increase output further from 1.8 million to two million tons by 1993 by introducing a cheaper process of "cold crystallization," which Israel uses to extract potash from the Dead Sea.

Ensour says a $1.5m. pilot plant would start early next year to test whether the process could be applied in Jordan as well.

The expansion project will help the firm, whose domestic and foreign loans total the equivalent of about $280m. to break even, he says.

The firm's net losses from start-up until end-1985 totalled $90m. with earnings hit by depressed world prices, a weak dollar, market glut and poor demand in the U.S. and China.

The company also recorded losses last year as world prices remained low.

Ensour says he expects the market glut could end this year with higher potash demand emerging from China and Brazil and because of an output loss from flooding of mines in *the Soviet Union and Canada last* year.

Agriculture Ministry to shut slaughterhouses

By ANDY COURT

In an effort to streamline the country's poultry industry, the Agriculture Ministry will close four slaughterhouses in development areas and lay off their 700 workers.

"There are too many slaughterhouses in this country, and this centralizes the system," explained ministry official. "A slaughterhouse can work 24 hours a day, but right now they're only working eight hours a day."

The slaughterhouses affected are Hod Oz in Kiryat Malachi, Of Hanegev, Of Ha'emek, and Meron. They will stop production sometime next month, and their production quotas will be transferred to other slaughterhouses around the country.

That money paid will be used to compenste the redundant workers and cover the investment costs of the agricultural purchasing organizations that owned the slaughterhouses.

In conjunction with the Finance Ministry, the Agriculture Ministry is also considering drastic changes in the system for subsidizing chickens raised for meat.

Instead of subsidizing frozen chicken, the ministry may subsidize the live chickens farmers raise rather than the slaughterhouses. Under the current system, the slaughterhouses pass only a small portion of the subsidy money on to the growers, an Agriculture Ministry source said.

French find economic recovery is elusive

By ROBIN SMYTH

PARIS. – France's Socialists had put the country through three years of austerity by the time Gaullist Jacques Chirac took over as prime minister last March. Back then, he looked forward to an economic breakthrough early this year to launch him into next year's presidential contest.

But as France emerges from the winter, economic good news is an ever-receding mirage. Ominous words like "steep deterioration," "precariousness," "erosion" – told through the conclusions of the survey of the French economy published earlier this month by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Already Finance Minister Edouard Balladur had scaled down *some over-optimistic government* forecasts. Instead of economic growth of 2.8 per cent in 1987, he recognized that France would hardly edge above 2 per cent. And 2.5 per cent inflation now seemed a more realistic figure than the 2 per cent *inflation now announced by the Fi*nance Ministry.

The third discouraging prediction of the OECD Secretariat's report was that French unemployment would continue to climb from the present 2.6 million – 10.7 per cent of the labour force towards the 3 million mark with 11.5 per cent at the end of the year.

The OECD found much to praise in the new conservative government's loosening up of France's tightly regulated economy. The privatization of nationalized companies, the removal of administrative controls and the freeing of prices were all pointing in the right direction, according to the OECD experts.

France has also managed to keep down its industrial unit costs, and with only 2.1 per cent inflation last year it narrowed to a mere 2.5 per cent, the lead of West Germany, its infuriatingly successful rival in this field.

In the first week of February, Balladur had another piece of good news to tell the French public. "For the first time since 1978, our foreign trade is showing a credit balance," he declared.

But at the beginning of the year, the long rail strike and the upward movement of oil prices began to shake government predictions. Prices soared 0.9 per cent in January. The removal of price controls, *carried out with what the Socialists* consider reckless speed, was going through a rough transition period with bakers, garages and cafes taking the opportunity to make some fast profit.

Although Balladur saw all this as a *freak upward surge in a traditionally* bad month for prices, the 2 per cent inflation target clearly became untenable.

So did confidence about French exports. The trade balance in January slipped back into the red. OECD saw a small surplus in current account this year but felt that the steep deterioration in foreign trade in industrial goods would then open up a new deficit.

The most depressing message for the government to come out of the latest economic figures is the con*firmation of a structural weakness in* French industry. The conservative daily *Le Quotidien de Paris* remarked recently that the country's foreign trade depended to a dangerous extent on the price of oil, the exchange rate of the dollar and a number of large contracts. This, *Le Quotidien* found "a completely archaic situation." It decided that France lacked what bolsters Germany's industrial success: a backbone of small active companies producing goods which have a reliable appeal for foreign buyers.

Le Quotidien also noted that in the areas where France should overwhelm competitors it had incredible gaps which draw in imports. Although the leading agricultural nation in Europe, France imports each year nearly $1.3 billion worth of fresh meat. And possessing Europe's largest fishing grounds, it has nearly a $6.2b trade deficit in fish.

The grim conclusion of French economic observers is that France failed to make good use of the fall in oil prices last year and the assistance given to French exporters by the revaluation of the Deutchsmark.

What in fact happened was just the other way round. Germany increased its trade advantage over France in 1986. France's trade deficit with Germany widened from $4.5b. in 1985, to over $4.8b. last year.

Clearly French exporters have relied too heavily in the past on trade with developing countries which are now becoming less receptive markets.

While admitting that France had made substantial efforts to put its economy on a sound footing, OECD said full recovery would depend on French industry's capacity to invest and face up to keen international competition and changing patterns of demand.

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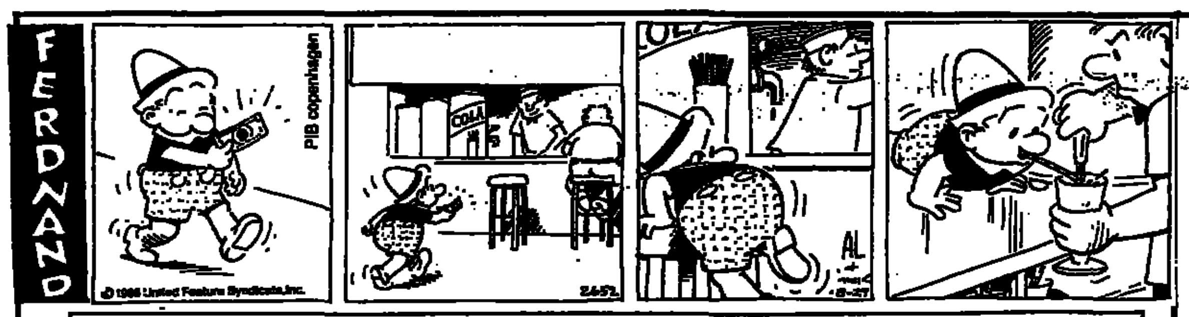

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Hold separate interpretation of what puzzles must be for the brilliant solver (4,2,6)
9 Pip on the post, perhaps (7)
10 New Orleans in Italy (7)
11 Place where spinners get their turn (4)
12 Guide from the prophet about time (5)
13 Aromatic plant making many sick (4)
16 A supporter of mine (3-4)
17 A catch, maybe, for sailor turned informer (3-4)
18 & 29 No good for drinking but, as you see, useful (7,7)
21 For a current measure it sounds anything but professional (7)
23 Wrong to right (4)
24 All right, second to Bath ecclesiastically (5)
25 Gentle type (4)
28 Fruit, note, giving uplift (7)
29 See 18
30 It isn't agreed to break up (12)

DOWN

1 Run like a scalded cat? (7)
2 Bird to rant and rave (4)
3 Head of the plane? (7)
4 French chemist late on his way back (7)
5 Old measures giving 24 no lead (4)
6 Ruler is somehow more hostile (7)
7 Their subjects are obviously noteworthy (6,7)
8 Where ignorance is bliss (5,8)
14 Painter or writer (5)
15 Way a parliamentarian can make his mark (5)
19 Swallow one drink (7)
20 Square 58; some trickery here (7)
21 Everyone excited as prisoner breaks a record (3,4)
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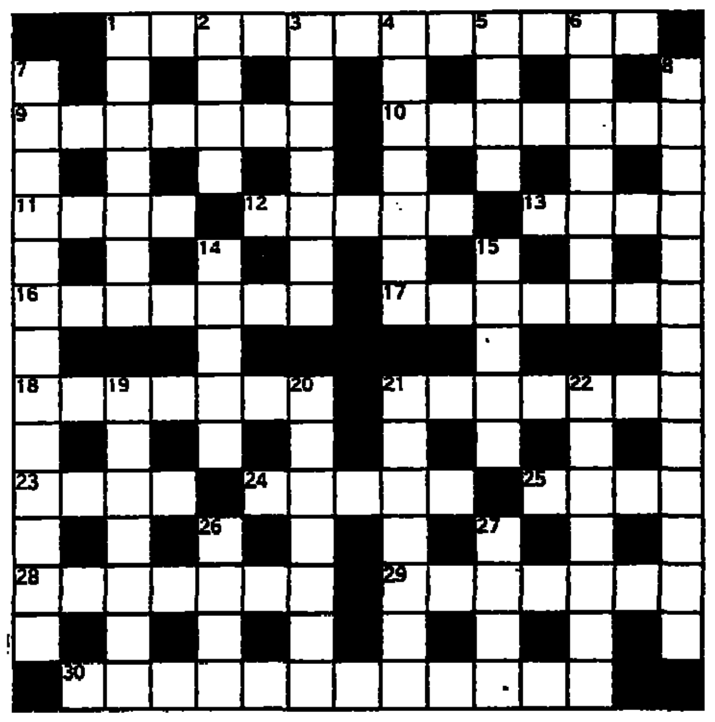
27 Joke over a slightly crazy expression (4)



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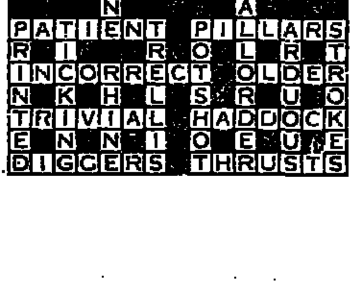

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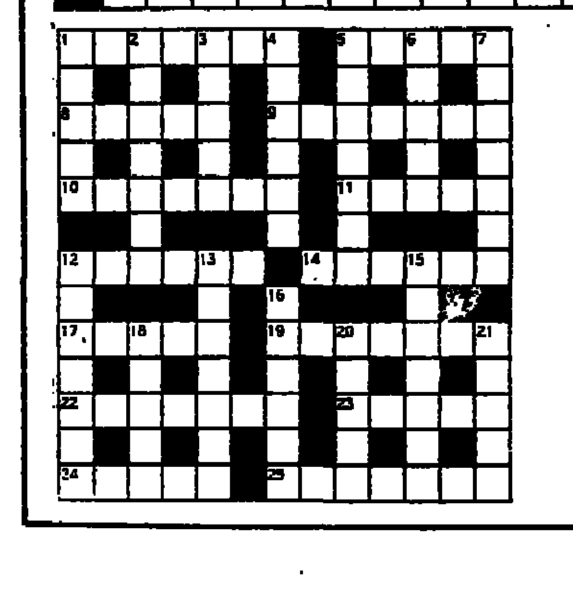
Across: 1, Returns; 5, Cellars; 9, Directs; 10, Manacle; 11, Lover; 12, Amazement; 13, Discern; 14, Dresser; 16, Deposit; 19, Dredged; 22, Acropolis; 24, Glass; 25, Grenade; 26, Reeling; 27, Tatters; 28, Dangers.

Down: 1, Riddled; 2, Thrives; 3, Recorders; 4, Sustain; 5, Command; 6, Lance; 7, Archers; 8, *Shelter*; 15, Evergreen; 16, Draught; 17, Portent; 18, Tillers; 19, Desired; 20, Granite; 21, Dosages; 23, Plate.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 More distant
5 Herbal shrub
8 Carried a weapon
9 Reclaim (anag.)
10 Passage of goods or people
11 Muse of poetry
12 Summary of text
14 Leading oarsman
17 Twin - brother of Romulus
19 Surrounding
22 Relevant
23 Fatuous
24 Satisfied fully
25 Patent remedy

DOWN

1 Sumptuous repast
2 Run amok
3 Underworld
4 A long way off
5 Tease mercilessly
6 Spanish dagger plant
7 Ugly sight
12 Possibly
13 Wishy-washy
15 The outdoors (4,3)
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20 Ecstasy
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Swissair to begin 8 flights a week to Israel

By KEN SCHACHTER
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. – Swissair will add an eighth weekly flight between Switzerland and Ben-Gurion International Airport beginning April 1, airline President Robert Staubli announced here Wednesday.

Staubli, speaking at a press conference to mark Swissair's 40 years of service to Israel, also said the company would inaugurate service from Zurich to Atlanta, Georgia, offering five flights weekly. The decline of the U.S. dollar has made America "really a bargain," he said, and the airline is hoping to take *advantage of an upsurge in Euro*pean tourism.

By the end of the month, Stubli said, the board of directors will decide on a replacement for the airline's aging fleet of 11 widebodied DC-10s. He said the competition had been narrowed down to the MD-11, made by the U.S. McDonnell Douglass Corp., and the European Industries' AM340. Competition has been fierce between the Europeans and Americans in marketing the next generation of commercial airliners, but Staubli said Swissair "had no obligations on a political level" and would choose the best plane for the market.

Staubli said the airline turned a profit on its North Atlantic routes last year despite the negative effects of increased competition, terror attacks in Europe, the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and political unrest. Fiscal 1986 financial results will be released in a week, he said.

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DAVIS CUP SPECIAL: Ori Lewis reports for The Jerusalem Post from Czechoslovakia

Israel one match short of major upset

Doubles gambit falls short

HRADEC KRALOVE – Davis Cup coach Yossi Stabholz's gambit, bringing on the tired, but elated pair of singles winners – Amos Mansdorf and Shlomo Glickstein – to play doubles, instead of the usual Glickstein-Shachar Perkis combination, nearly sealed an upset of galactic proportions.

But, in the end, the Czech pair of Miloslav Mecir and Tomas Smid prevailed, and Israel will have to win at least one match today to advance to the second round of Davis Cup World Group play.

Mecir and Smid beat Mansdorf and Glickstein 6-2, 4-6, 8-6, 8-6 in front of 2,500 fans here yesterday.

After the match, Mecir served notice that his strong performance in the doubles was no fluke, saying he "feels back in form." The talented Czech, ranked sixth in the world, earned his nickname as the "Big Cat" in the doubles, pouncing on winners and clawing for balls that were seemingly out of reach.

Mansdorf continued his steady play but Glickstein's serve proved to be Israel's Achilles heel. Glickstein lost his service five times in the match, twice in the first set and again at 6-6 in the crucial third set.

At that point, Israel were still very much in the match, and were it not for Glickstein's service break the match could have gone to a deciding fifth set. As it turned out, Glickstein and Mansdorf fought gamely in the fourth set in hopes of extending the match, but they came up just a bit short.

Davis Cup world roundup

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Sweden, Australia, West Germany and Argentina all hold 2-1 leads in their first round World Group Davis Cup ties, while France and Mexico have opened up 2-0 leads.

Defending champions Australia lead Yugoslavia on the strength of a doubles victory yesterday by Pat Cash and Peter Doohan over Slobodan Zivojinovic and Igor Flego.

Sweden, last year's cup finalists, won their doubles against Italy as Mats Wilander and Anders Jarryd defeated Paolo Cane and Simone Colombo.

Boris Becker and Eric Jelen put West Germany ahead of Spain by beating the fancied doubles pairing of Emilio Sanchez and Sergio Casal.

Argentina edged ahead of India with a victory by Javier Frana and Christian Miniussi over the Amritraj brothers, Vijay and Anand.

France lead South Korea 2-0 with singles wins by Guy Forget and Thierry Tulasne, while Mexico lead Britain on wins by Leonardo Lavalle and Francisco Maciel.

Aaron Krickstein put the U.S ahead of Paraguay 1-0, as the match between Jimmy Arias and Victor Pecci was suspended.

Amos and Shlomo's one-two punch

HRADEC KRALOVE. – A composed steady performance interspersed with brilliant tactics from Amos Mansdorf and resilience linked with uncanny skill from Shomo Glickstein lifted Israel to an incredible 2-0 lead on the opening day of the Davis Cup tie here on Friday.

Mansdorf's 3-1 set victory (6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3) was over the world's sixth-ranked player Miloslav Mecir while Glickstein beat the Czech No. 2 Milan Srejber 7-5, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, and 3-2 in the final set when Srejber retired hurt and conceded the match.

The small Israeli contingent of a few dozen among the 3,000 crowd could be forgiven for harbouring a little hope in their hearts when Mansdorf sparked off the tie in style by breaking Mecir's service in the very opening game. However, few dreamt quite as fancifully as the subsequent reality.

Mansdorf took less than an hour to win the last two sets. The talented Czech couldn't cope with the steadiness of his opponent from the baseline. From the outset, Mansdorf's tactics had been superb. He had clearly set himself the aim of keeping Mecir back as he hit deep mainly to Mecir's backhand.

It worked wonderfully well. The Czech's double fisted backhanded failed him time and again. In one game in the first set he missed no fewer than four consecutive backhands each landing at the bottom of the net as Mecir could look only sadly on.

Mansdorf, two sets in his favour, was suddenly looking not merely confident but brimful of confidence. Mecir won his opening serve in the third set but was still unhappy with his return of serve. This added to Mansdorf's determination to go for his shots.

It proved ambitious and, retrospectively a mistake, to have switched from his earlier successful strategy. For the first time Mecir began to find some winners and put Mansdorf on the defensive. The Israeli dropped his own service for the very first time to trail 1-3 in the third set. "That was a perfectly awful game that I played," Mansdorf admitted afterwards. "I was determined not to allow any repeat in the match."

Mecir kept control and ran out the 6-3 winner of the set to take the match into the break 1-2 down.

He had still not shown any of his greatness but once back on court after the break the match, which until then had never reached tremendous heights as a spectacle, sudddenly assumed a new quality. Until now Mecir had seemed to be suffering from jet-lag or perhaps a psychological let-down after his triumph in Florida against Ivan Lendl at the beginning of the week; now, this was a ding-dong battle at a much faster pace with the Czech serving fluently and also returning with much greater sharpness.

Mansdorf, however, was up to the occasion. He broke serve to go into a 2-0 lead. Mecir battled back but two additional service lapses, one from each man, left Amos in a commanding 4-2 position. He held serve at 5-2.

The strongly partisan home crowd was stunned with their champion on the verge of defeat. They had been clapping derisively each time the Israeli served a fault. Now, the clapping was geared to charging Mecir up. But the blonde Czech evidently felt the pressure. Serving to save the match he double faulted twice, the second swing Mansdorf match point; but he could not capitalize on his opponent's generosity and Mecir held the game.

Mansdorf was not, however, to be denied. He rounded out the match with confidence with his third match point.

Afterwards he spoke modestly of his great victory. "I really prepared hard for this. One has to feel a little sorry for Miloslav. It was quite an anti-climax for him after the boost he had received in Florida and then he had that long trip home."

"I was a bit nervous, but I don't think insufficient acclimatisation after the return from the U.S. was the real problem," "Mansdorf was simply better," Mecir said.

The pleasure in the Israeli camp was enormous but no-one could have imagined that Shlomo Glickstein would provide reason for still greater late night revellery.

His giant opponent, Milan Srejber, at 2.02m. one of the tallest men in the pro-game, made a powerful impression from the outset sweeping to a 3-love lead before we had almost blinked. Glickstein seemed thoroughly overwhelmed by the sheer pace of events. Sjreber's service was not merely unreturnable but almost invisible. At every opportunity he rushed the net and tucked away Glickstein's returns with competent ease.

But Srejber apparently underestimated the temerity of his opponent, at 29, six years his senior, Glickstein broke serve and restored the equilibrium at 2-3 and almost at once the match seemed transformed. Glickstein began to pass him with devilish accuracy at net and even managed on several occasions to lob his giant frame with his patent top spin floater.

The home man now began to muff the kind of volleys which were simply asking to be put away. Glickstein fought on to 5-5 and then broke serve again to run out the first set winner in 40 minutes. He repeated the pattern in the second set with a single break and holding his own service won in 35 minutes.

NO SOLACE. – Miloslav Mecir grieves during his loss to Amos Mansdorf. (Photo by Yossi Rot, on special arrangement for Yediot Ahronot, courtesy of Yediot Ahronot).

Srejber seemed at a loss how to tame his wily opponent and heard derisive geers from the crowd which had not dwindled sharply as many people trudged gloomily out to a late supper. Srejber stumbled several times and it was only much later that it became clear why. True, Glickstein was dangling him around the court hither and thither like a puppet on a string with his skilful placing of the ball but Srejber had hurt his foot in the first set when he trod awkwardly on a wobbly board behind the baseline.

But Glickstein had lulled the Israeli supporters into a false sense of security. His game receded into mediocrity and he had difficulty retaining his service.

Srejber returned to life in the third and fourth sets and seemed to have Glickstein reeling.

But as the fifth set started, Glickstein drew deep from his admirable psychological resources and began to re-establish his supremacy. Now Srejber was noticed to be limping badly. On one knee blood flowed from a spill he had taken when attempting to retrieve an angled chip shot.

At 2-2, Glickstein served and raced to a 30-0 lead. Srejber came up to net and lunged to get back a backhand volley but then went down hard as Glickstein passed him down the forearm.

The Czech rose slowly and limped to the chair; he drew a warning from the Swiss umpire as he banged his racket down in frustration and anger. He did, however, earn the permissible three minute injury break.

But when he returned he immediately hit Glickstein's service out and with the score at 2-3 informed the umpire that he could not continue. Glickstein walked over to his game, but by now, thoroughly depressed, opponent; after shaking hands he departed for the change-rooms alone.

Later it was established that Srejber had fractured a small bone in his foot and will be out of the game for almost two months.

"Amos gave us a great boost. He played inspired and steady tennis. What's more, it gave me extra confidence and put all the pressure on Srejber." Glickstein said graciously after his own victory.

It was the second successive Davis Cup tie in which Shlomo had won a critical match because his opponent had to pull out of the fifth set with a foot injury. Last year he defeated Roland Stadler in thrilling fashion in Switzerland.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Just seven points: Are Betar losing their grip?

By PAUL KOHN

Betar Jerusalem's lead at the top of the National League was reduced to seven points yesterday as they were held to a 1-1 draw by Betar Tel Aviv and second-placed Bnei Yehuda beat Hapoel Lod 2-1 with a goal two minutes from time.

But the win of the day, in fact of the season, was Maccabi Haifa's 8-1 thrashing of luckless Betar Netanya. Zahi Armeli scored four goals for Haifa.

The Tel Aviv derby, played before 8,000 spectators in the rain at Bloomfield Stadium, ended in a 1-0 win for Maccabi over Hapoel. In all eight National League games yesterday, only 15,000 braved the inclement weather.

The tall figure of Eli Dricks rising above the Hapoel Tel Aviv defence to head past Arie Alier gave Maccabi their win, which moved the club into third place in the standings. In the 30th minute David Azulai took a free kick from 25 metres to which Dricks got his head.

It was an evenly fought game throughout and Moshe Sinai might have levelled for Hapoel in the second half but his shot from eight metres was stopped by Bonnie Ginsburg. Maccabi also had their chances and another Dricks header was cleared off the goaline by Yehuda Amar.

In the early game at Bloomfield, Eli Ohana opened the scoring in the 27th minute, heading in a Shlomo Shirazi cross. This was Ohana's 12th goal of the season, tying him for top of the list with his teammate Uri Malmilian.

Within nine minutes Betar Tel Aviv were back equal when their stopper Ronnie Zemach moved into attack and shot past Yossi Mizrahi from close range. The Jerusalemites showed only touches of their class, but with Malmilian not completely fit the midfield lacked its usual effective supporting role for the strikers.

Only 300 fans turned out at the Hatikva Quarter to see a hard-fought match. Bnei Yehuda, wh had already heard the Betar Jerusalem result, launched a series of attacks from the kick off. Hezi Shirazi put them ahead in the 23rd minute, but plucky Lod fought back with determination. Early in the second half, the home team were shocked by an equaliser headed in by David Sharvit.

David Gordana got the Bnei Yehuda winner in the 89th minute, finding the net with a sizzling shot. That goal may well turn the league race into a two-team affair. Certainly, Betar will feel the warmth of the Bnei Yehuda challenge now, after being 11 points clear at the top last month. Bnei Yehuda are unbeaten in all 20 league games this season.

Shimshon Tel Aviv, who won the Toto cup ten days ago, maintained their improved form by beating Maccabi Yavne by 2-0 in Yavne. Avinoam Ovadia and Yomtov Shukrun got the goals, and Yavne now have serious relegation worries.

Three clubs, Hapoel Holon, Hapoel Haifa and Hapoel Jerusalem, were last night level on points at the top of the Second Division, from where only one team will win promotion to the National League next season. Hapoel Yehud in fouth place are only one point behind.

Hapoel Hadera lost ground yesterday, losing 1-0 in Beit Shean. Yehud and Holon drew 0-0, as did Ramat Amidar and Hapoel Jerusalem. Hapoel Haifa beat Hakoah Ramat Gan 1-0, to renew their challenge for promotion.

SOCCER ROUND UP

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Mac. Yavne	(0)0	Shimshon	(1)2
Ovadia, 15			
Shukrun, 74			
Bet. Jerusalem	(1)1	Bet. Tel Aviv	(1)1
Ohana, 26		Zemach, 35	
Mac. Haifa	(4)8	Bet. Netanya	(1)1
Selektor, 10		Eli Cohen (o.g.), 31	
Armeli, 17,40,69,76			
Brailovsky, 43			
Mamman, 62,68			
Bnei Yehuda	(1)2	Hapoel Lod	(0)1
Hezi Shirazi, 23		Sharvit, 55	
Gordana, 89			
Mac. Petah Tikva	(1)1	Mac. Jaffa	(0)0
Cohen-Zedek(o.g), 16			
Hap. Petah Tikva	0	Hap. Beersheba	0
Mac. Netanya	(0)2	Hap. Kfar Sava	(0)0
Haim Bar, 73 (pen)			
Tikva, 86			
Mac. Tel Aviv	(1)1	Hap. Tel Aviv	(0)0
Dricks, 30			

Standings after 20 rounds

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Bet. J'lem	12	7	1	42	21	43
2. Bnei Yehuda	8	12	–	28	16	36
3. Mac. TA	8	7	5	30	16	31
4. Kfar Sava	8	7	5	26	20	31
5. Shimshon	6	12	2	19	11	30
6. Mac. Netanya	8	6	6	22	22	30
7. Mac. Haifa	7	8	5	23	14	29
8. Hap. Lod	7	7	6	19	12	28
9. Hap. PT	7	7	6	23	17	28
10. Mac PT	7	7	6	20	15	28
11. Hap. TA	5	11	4	17	15	26
12. Beersheba	4	10	6	10	13	22
13. Bet. TA	4	7	9	19	28	19
14. Yavne	3	8	9	14	24	17
15. Jaffa	2	7	11	13	31	13
16. Bet. Netanya	2	1	17	10	60	7

SECOND DIVISION

Bet. Nahariya vs Hap. Ramat Gan Postponed

Hap. Beit Shean	1	Hap. Hadera	0
Hap. Yehud	0	Hap. Holon	0
Hap. Dimona	1	Mac. Sha'arayim	1

Hap. Marmorek vs Hap. Tiberias Postponed

Bet. Ramle	1	Hap. Acre	2
Hakoach Ramat Gan	0	Hap. Haifa	1
Mac. Ramat Amidar	0	Hap. Jerusalem	0

After 20 rounds

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Holon	9	7	4	22	9	34
2. Hap. Haifa	9	7	4	24	14	34
3. Hap. J'lem	10	4	6	26	20	34
4. Yehud	9	6	5	23	17	33
5. Hadera	8	7	5	26	20	31
6. Acre	7	8	5	23	19	29
7. Amidar	8	5	7	17	19	29
8. Sha'arayim	6	10	4	18	12	28
9. Beit Shean	5	11	4	19	21	26
10. Tiberias*	7	4	8	27	25	25
11. Hap. RG*	5	9	5	10	11	24
12. Hakoach	5	6	9	12	20	21
13. Marmorek*	5	5	9	22	28	20
14. Ramle	3	11	6	16	26	20
15. Nahariya*	3	7	9	13	21	16
16. Dimona	2	7	11	13	29	13

* Played one game less

BOOT IN: – Maccabi Tel Aviv's Eli Dricks (right) moves in to rob Hapoel's Tamir Linhart of the ball during yesterday's Tel Aviv derby at Bloomfield. (H. Guthmann)

MATCH REPORT: Mac Netanya 2, Hap. Kfar Sava 0

Sharir head clown of Purim party

By MIKE SCHWARTZ

NETANYA. – If the scoreline of yesterday's match here suggests that Maccabi Netanya beat Hapoel Kfar Sava 2-0 in a genuine soccer game worthy of the name, that is a sad error. Soccer took a back-seat to Purim as events on the pitch bore a closer resemblance to a costume party.

The uneventful first 45 minutes were quickly forgotten as the teams embarked upon a second-half extravaganza. The spot light was firmly focused on referee Zvi Sharir, whose clown-like antics made a total mockery of the game. He repeatedly interrupted the flow of play by conversing with the players, whistling incorrect decisions, and fluttering yellow cards in the air. No fewer than seven players were booked in the second half.

In one incident, he got the colours of his cards mixed up, and the disbelieving Halfon found himself face-to-face with a red card for trying to steal three metres from a throw-in. Sharir corrected himself, and the Netanya mid-fielder escaped with a severe warning.

The crowd was particularly enthralled by the elephant-like performance of Kfar Sava full back Yair Ettinger, who clumsily trampled on Maccabi centre forward Roni Levy to concede a 60th-minute penalty. Levy himself is no ballerina, and being uprooted in the box was the closest he got to the Kfar Sava goal.

The penalty kick was taken by Shalom Tikva, who stroked the ball past Adir Shamir into the net.

Netanya's celebrations were shortlived, however, as Sharir ordered the kick to be retaken. Tikva, who up until that moment had been the only person on the field to come close to resembling a footballer, could not control his nerves, and Shamir saved his second penalty shot.

In the end, the deadlock was broken as a result of Ettinger's determination to prove the thickness of his elephant skin. In the 70th minute, he succeeded in hauling down Tikva in exactly the same spot he had previously uprooted Levy.

This time, captain Haim Bar took upon his shoulders the responsibility and placed the ball on the penalty spot. He retreated back a full 35 metres, almost to the mid-field line, hurtled in towards the ball like a fast bowler homing in on an opening batsman, and his shot flew past the Kfar Sava keeper inside the right hand post.

Four minutes before time, Tikva won his way back into the crowd's graces by proving that his disguise as a footballer was no disguise at all. He received the ball from Benny Lamm on the left-hand side of the penalty area, faked a run to the touch line, and instead cut past a fumbling Ettinger towards the goal. Shamir was forced to leave his line, and was unable to prevent the ball from entering his net for a second time.

CRICKET

Sensational batting collapses dominate tests

CHRISTCHURCH. – The West Indies face an uphill battle to save the third Test against New Zealand, and with it the series, after sensational events at Lancaster park here.

The visitors start the fourth day well behind in their second innings, after the Kiwis declared 40 minutes before stumps today at 332 for nine, a first innings lead of 232. In 30 minutes batting before stumps the West Indies raced to 35-0.

After seeing the first day lost entirely because of rain, New Zealand had dismissed the West Indies out for a paltry 100, and their fifth lowest score ever.

SCORES: WI 100 (Hadlee 6-50, Chatfield 4-30); and 35-0; NZ 332-9 (Martin Crowe 83, Jeff Crowe 55).

In Bangalore, India's batting failed to survive a spiteful wicket and the collapse kept Pakistan's hopes alive in the fifth and final Test.

Pakistan's spinners Iqbal Qasim and Tauseef Ahmed bowled in tandem – each taking 5 wickets – to dismiss India for 145. The meagre total was in reply to Pakistan's measly first innings score of 116.

India's dramatic collapse saw seven wickets falling for 43 runs after Vengsarkar's masterly innings had taken India to a healthy 102 for three.

Earlier, Indian left-arm spinner Maninder Singh had exploited a turning pitch to capture his Test best of seven for 27 and skittle Pakistan out for 116 on one of the most dramatic days.

At close on the second day, Pakistan were 155 for five – 126 ahead – after dismissing India for 145 and hauling themselves back into contention in the wake of the first day disaster when they were bowled out for 116.

After four drawn Tests, the first two days of the decider have provided some welcome excitement.

ATHLETICS

Veterans invade Israel

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. – Four hundred athletes from abroad and 200 Israelis are competing in this week's 20th World Veterans Cross Country and Road Race Championships, taking place in Netanya and Kibbutz Givat Haim (Ihud) over the next three days.

The 25-nation meet, open to women over 35 and men over 40, is the first full world athletic championships ever held in Israel. It is being organized by the Israel Association of Veteran Athletes, on behalf of the World Association of Veteran Long Distance Runners.

The opening ceremony of the festive meet takes place today at 1 p.m. at Givat Haim's Emek Hefer Stadium, and it will be immediately followed by a series of 8-km cross country races. The event will go ahead whatever the weather, IAVA president and championship executive director Barry Shaw said last night.

Netanya is to host a 10-km race tomorrow and a 25-km run on Tuesday, with the Netanya municipality and the Emek Hefer Regional Council joining the association in putting on the meet. Participants in all three events will be divided into age groups, each covering five-year periods.

Among a clutch of celebrated athletes who will compete here are England's Martin Duff, the current over-40 world marathon champion, and Dave Clark, last year's New York and San Francisco over-40 marathon champion, who is participating in the cross-country race and then "saving himself" for Thursday's seventh Tel Aviv Marathon; European over-45 marathon champion Manguen Santiago, who will be the first Spanish athlete to compete in Israel, Holland's top 25-km veteran runner in the over-40 category; Dick van Santen; and American over-50 long-distance star Norman Green. The women's field includes Denise Alfvoet from Belgium, the world and European over-50 champion in the 25-km event.

ATHLETICS. – Seb Coe opened his 1987 track season with a runaway 3,000 metres victory in the England-United States Indoor Athletics International at Cosford, England.

Britain's double Olympic 1,500 metres champion unleashed his familiar devastating burst with 200 metres remaining and left rated Americans Brian Abshire and Brian Diemer trailing. He clocked seven minutes 54.33 seconds and won by five metres.

Softball season opener

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. – The American Embassy's Art Hughes yesterday threw out the first ball to commissioner Goose Gillett at the Sportek diamond here, as the Israel Softball League launched it's ninth season.

Following the opening ceremony, last season's A Division runners-up Crazy Richard trounced VIP Tours 35-7. The victory was the result of a fine team effort and solid hitting by Joe Supple and Ben Bernick.

In the second game on the card, defending champions Maccabi Tel Aviv slipped past the Sultans of Swing 9-6.

All other scheduled games were rained out.

NHL

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP). – Hartford goalie Mike Liut stopped 36 shots in posting his fourth shutout of the NHL season and Paul Lawless used his speed to set up two goals as the Hartford Whalers defeated the Winnipeg Jets 3-0 on Friday night.

Elsewhere on Friday, it was the New Jersey Devils 4, New York Islanders 1; Washington Capitals 10, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Vancouver Canucks 6, Buffalo Sabres 4.

FA CUP

Watford end Gunners' hopes of a unique treble

LONDON (Reuter). – England winger John Barnes, for whom Liverpool are anxious to pay Watford in the region of one million sterling helped to dash Arsenal's hopes of a unique treble.

Barnes headed Watford ahead early in the second half and a controversial late goal by Luther Blissett, his second of the match, carried Watford into the semifinals of the F.A. Cup by a 3-1 margin.

Favourites Arsenal, who have already booked their place in the League Cup final and are challenging strongly for the league title, failed to capitalize on an early goal by Ian Allinson.

In the day's other quarter-final, Keith Houchen scored twice against Sheffield Wednesday inside five minutes late in the game to earn Coventry a place in the last four for the first time in their history.

In the First Division, Liverpool continued their relentless march towards a ninth championship in 12 years with a 3-1 win at Oxford. Neighbours Everton stayed six points behind after beating Southampton 3-0.

FA CUP

Arsenal	1	Watford	3
Sheffield Wed	1	Coventry	3

(Playing today: Wigan v Leeds; Wimbledon v Tottenham)

SCOTTISH CUP

Clydebank	0	Dundee	4
Dundee United	2	Forfar	2
Hearts	1	Motherwell	1
Raith	0	St Mirren	1

PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen	1	Celtic	0
Rangers	2	Hamilton	0

DIVISION ONE

Everton	3	Southampton	0
Leicester	1	Charlton	0
Luton	2	Man United	1
Man City	1	Chelsea	2
Oxford	1	Liverpool	3
QPR	3	Notts Forest	1
West Ham	0	Norwich	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	32	19	7	6	58	30	64
Everton	31	17	7	7	57	25	58
Arsenal	30	15	9	6	42	18	54
Luton	31	15	8	8	36	31	53
Norwich	31	13	13	5	43	38	52
Tottenham	28	15	5	8	49	29	50
Nott Forest	31	14	8	9	53	38	50
Coventry	30	13	7	10	34	33	46
Wimbledon	30	13	5	12	39	36	44
Watford	29	12	7	10	48	37	43
QPR	30	12	6	12	33	35	42
Chelsea	32	11	9	12	41	50	42
Man Utd	31	10	11	10	40	32	41
West Ham	30	10	8	12	43	50	38
Sheffield W	30	8	11	11	40	46	35
Oxford	31	8	10	13	32	51	34
Southampton	30	9	4	17	45	56	31
Leicester	31	8	6	17	38	60	30
Charlton	31	7	8	16	29	43	29
Man City	31	6	11	14	27	42	29
Aston Villa	31	6	9	16	35	61	27
Newcastle	29	6	7	16	31	52	25

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley	3	Brighton	1
Blackburn	2	Stoke	1
Crystal Palace	6	Birmingham	0
Derby	3	Shrewsbury	1
Grimsby	3	West Brom	1
Huddersfield	1	Sheffield U	1
Ipswich	1	Braford	0
Millwall	0	Oldham	0
Reading	1	Hull	0
Sunderland	2	Plymouth	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	31	18	8	5	39	19	62
Derby	31	18	7	6	47	27	61
Oldham	31	17	7	7	50	30	58
Ipswich	31	14	8	9	48	32	50
Plymouth	31	13	9	9	47	40	48
Leeds	30	12	9	9	36	34	45
Crystal P	30	14	2	14	44	44	44
Grimsby	32	10	12	10	35	39	42
Stoke	29	12	5	12	43	36	41
Millwall	31	11	7	13	31	31	40
Sheffield U	31	10	10	11	37	39	40
Reading	31	11	7	13	42	48	40
Birmingham	31	9	13	9	39	45	40
West Brom	31	10	9	12	39	35	39
Sunderland	29	10	9	10	35	34	39
Barnsley	31	9	9	13	32	38	36
Blackburn	30	9	8	13	27	36	35
Huddersfield	31	9	8	14	39	49	35
Shrewsbury	31	10	5	16	27	40	35
Hull	30	9	7	14	27	47	34

Wigan's man in the Kremlin

WIGAN (AP). – Third Division Wigan say they are counting on the support of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in their Cup quarterfinal against Leeds today.

Wigan's general manager, John Fillingham, said he expected Gorbachev to sit by his radio wearing his Wigan hat and scarf cheering on the little north English club in their bid to reach a Wembley final for the first time in their history.

Fillingham said the club had learnt that the Soviet leader took a keen interest in its fortune. "When we heard of that we sent him a complete set of our supporters' kit.

"Everybody knows the reason the Soviets stopped jamming the BBC world service was so that Mr. Gorbachev could follow the football results, and in particular Wigan's performance," Fillingham said.

STATE CUP SOCCER

Bloomfield spectacular

By PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. – The draw for the ninth round of the State Cup on Friday has thrown Betar Jerusalem against Bnei Yehuda and pitched Hapoel Tel Aviv against Maccabi Tel Aviv. The eight cup games will be played on Tuesday.

The clubs were in negotiations last night as Hapoel, the owners of the Bloomfield Stadium, hoped that Betar and Bnei Yehuda would agree to a double header programme which would attract a full house to the Jaffa ground. But Betar officials were considering staging their tie at the Ramat Gan Stadium.

Petah Tikva fans will also view a local derby assuring at least one of the Petah Tikva teams in the quarter finals round. Jerusalem fans will have an attractive tie at the YMCA ground, where Hapoel Jerusalem will play Maccabi Haifa.

Of the Second Division teams left in the competition, Hapoel Holon and Hapoel Hadera have home ties against Betar Tel Aviv and Maccabi Jaffa respectively, while Hapoel Tiberias have a tough journey to Kfar Sava.

In the final game of the ninth round, Maccabi Netanya play Shimshon.

SCOREBOARD

SQUASH. – World champion Ross Norman and world number one Jahangir Khan complted the men's semifinal line-up in the French Open Squash Championships in Paris.

Top seed Jahangir, who dropped a game yesterday against Australian Rodney Martin, ousted the mercurial Tristan Nancarrow in the quarter-finals to set up an appointment tomorrow with fourth-seeded Briton Phil Kenyon.

Second seed Norman, the first man to beat Jahangir in over five years in last November's World Open final, booked a semifinal clash with third-seeded Fellow New Zealander Stuard Davenport by beating Zimbabwe-born Briton Stuart Hailstone in four games.

FIGURE SKATING. – Soviet ice dancers Natalia Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin skated a nearly flawless free dance to win their third straight World Figure Skating Championship gold medal.

Skating to music from "Cabaret," Bestemianova and Bukin enchanted Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum crowd with their theatrics, including some spectacular footwork by Bestemianova. They also impressed the judges, who awarded the couple six perfect 6.0 scores for artistic impression.

That was more than enough to hold off the elegant Soviet duo of Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarenko, who won their third consecutive world silver medal.

NBA RESULTS

Pacers 116, Celtics 109; Nets 126, Knicks 121; Hawks 113, Mavericks 105; Pistons 100, Bulls 99; Clippers 108, Supersonics 104.
THURSDAY'S GAMES: Cavaliers 116, Suns 109; Net 123, Bucks 106; Rockets 121, Spurs 112; Lakers 125, Trail Blazers 116; Jazz 113, Kings 109.

(H. Guthmann)

CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION: Maccabi Tel Aviv coach Zvi Sherf is welcomed back at Ben-Gurion airport on Friday by enthusiastic fans. The Israeli basketball champions ensured their entry into the European Cup final in style with victory over Real Madrid in Spain.

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U.S. Jewry's dissonant voice

RELATIONS between Israel and the leadership of American Jews – the largest Jewish community in the world – are at a low ebb over the Pollard affair. There is no doubt that Jerusalem's continuous hedging over its commitment to cooperate with Washington in the investigation of confessed spy Jonathan Pollard exacerbated their embarrassment. The promotion of Air Force Col. Aviem Sella and of Rafi Eitan, Pollard's chief handlers, only added to their disconcertment.

The cabinet's much belated decision to appoint a two-man investigating committee helped soothe some of their bitterness and confusion, as the Washington administration also welcomed Israel's move. But can all that justify what can now be perceived as overreaction by some of the more prominent American Jewish leaders?

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations is convening in Jerusalem this week and although the agenda for its session had been prepared several months ago, the Pollard affair is certain to overshadow their deliberations. The question must therefore be asked, how does the representative body of organized American Jewry arrive at a decision to issue harshly worded statements by its major spokesmen on such a sensitive and explosive issue as the Pollard affair?

A number of American Jewish leaders, headed by Morris Abram, the chairman of the presidents' conference, rushed into print the day after Pollard was sentenced to life in prison for his espionage activities on behalf of Israel, supporting the harsh sentence. Abram, in a written statement released on behalf of the presidents' conference, held that Pollard "received due process and a just punishment."

Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, concurred, dismissing the contention that Pollard should have been given a lighter sentence than Americans caught spying for the Soviet Union, because his transferring secrets to Israel did not threaten U.S. security interests.

Echoing similar sentiments, Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, was "disturbed" by what he termed a campaign by some people in the American Jewish community on behalf of Pollard. All three totally ignored the fact that Pollard had entered a plea-bargaining agreement with the prosecution which undertook to ask for a substantial sentence, rather than life imprisonment. That agreement was overruled by the judge, primarily in view of the exceptionally harsh and accusatory deposition to the court by Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger who held that Pollard was the most dangerous spy in American history.

One of the points that Weinberger thought particularly damaging to U.S. interests was his contention that Pollard's espionage operation had weakened Washington's leverage and bargaining power over Israel because it had made Israel less dependent on official intelligence information exchange with the U.S.

Yet, these three eminent spokesmen of American Jews chose not to tackle Weinberger's most disconcerting statements to the court, preferring to join, if not to head, the phalanx of Israel's most severe critics over the Pollard affair.

Their astonishing and unsolicited statements were balanced somehow by the open criticism and concern at Weinberger's "unduly harsh and condemnatory" affidavit to the court voiced by Ruth Popkin, Hadassah's national president, and by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, who also felt the life sentence imposed on Pollard was a "little too harsh." Al Chernin, executive director of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, also thought the sentence was "very harsh," without wanting in any way to appear to be condoning spying.

Should such a balance not have been the line adopted by all major American Jewish spokesmen, rather than overract in trying to please non-Jewish America? And did these prominent American Jews dissociate themselves similarly from a number of American Jewish financiers who were charged with major fraud in using inside information in their Wall Street dealings?

The Pollard affair has indeed deeply embarrassed American Jewry, as it has Israel's government. But it is precisely in times of distress that one has to react responsibly and weigh public statements most carefully. The meetings of the presidents' conference in Jerusalem will have to discuss these issues with the greatest concern, because they touch upon the very core of the intricate relationship between American Jews and Israel without wanting in any way to arouse the spectre of dual loyalty.

STORMS

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Syria and Lebanon, and another over Egypt and Libya – is causing our currently unstable weather patterns.

The weekend's stormy weather brought down trees and power lines but caused no major injuries. Many houses in Nazareth and the Beduin village of Bir el Maksour were left without electricity between Friday afternoon and midday yesterday because of cable breakdowns. Emergency repair crews worked throughout the weekend to repair downed lines, while the energy ministry called upon consumers to conserve power.

Power was out in parts of Jerusalem, and in Arab villages near Jericho and Bethlehem as well as in Beersheba and Omer (see page 2). Main streets in downtown Beersheba were flooded and some parts of the industrial area were completely impassible.

The inclement weather may have dampened the Purim spirit of thousands of children donning their costumes for school parties on Friday. Then again, if the children haven't become accustomed to rainy Purims, they never will.

MOSSAD

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The Foreign Office reportedly tried on seven occasions to get an Israeli apology. But the most Israel would give was a "half assurance" that the forgeries would not be repeated.

It was only in January of this year, three months after the original complaint, that Avner apologized on behalf of the Israeli government.

The matter was reportedly raised againt at the London meeting in January between British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe and Foreign Minister Peres. Peres reportedly apologized and assured Howe that such a thing would not happen again. Today's report quotes the Foreign Office saying, "On the basis of these assurances, the British government regarded the incident as closed." But the dispute, said the paper, had soured relations between the two countries, particularly as it came at the time of the disappearnce from London of Mordechai Vanunu, the Dimona nuclear technician on trial for selling Israel's alleged nuclear arsenal secrets to *The Sunday Times*.

Avner is quoted by the paper as describing the inquiry into the forged British passports as "esoteric." He reportedly refused to discuss his meeting at the Foreign Office concerning the matter.

After the murder in Beirut of the suspected organizer of the Munich massacre of Israeli athletes by a woman using a British passport, Britain complained to Israel that its passports were being used to pursue Palestinian terrorists abroad. The Labour government of the time received no assurances from Israel that forged British passports would not be used again.

Wrong inquiry

Paul Eidelberg

THE CURRENT hysteria over the Jonathan Pollard spy case has moved certain wags to describe the State of Israel as headless or mindless. Others prefer the appellation gutless. However, it might be more instructive to classify the state as an *infantocracy*.

This is not to make light of a serious matter. But to separate the serious from the downright silly, let us try to examine the Pollard debacle in a mature way.

Former Mossad chief Isser Harel is quoted as saying that "if ever there was a reason for setting up a commission of inquiry in the State of Israel, this [the Pollard affair], is the case...The matter must be investigated in depth. We must know how it happened and what happened so that something like this is not repeated."

If Harel has not been misquoted, then he is either calling upon the government of Israel never to engage in intelligence operations in the United States, or never to be caught in such operations. Neither alternative requires a commission of inquiry.

To cease all intelligence operations in the U.S. (or anywhere else, for that matter), the government of Israel need do nothing more than prohibit them. Conversely, if such operations are to go on, it's silly to think that an investigation of the Pollard spy case will ensure their undetected and uninterrupted success.

Surely Harel has more serious considerations in mind. We must therefore assume that what is in question here is whether the Pollard spy case was a "rogue operation," or whether it had the approval of Israel's political leadership. But this too is silly, dangerously so.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir along with his predecessor Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin steadfastly deny having had any knowledge of the operation. Now it so happens that it is the universal practice of nations for ministers of state to disclaim such knowledge. Surely it would be absurd for the government of Israel to be more "catholic than the pope" in a world in which, unfortunately, force and fraud are the rule. On the other hand, an investigation that exposed any one or all of the above-mentioned gentlemen as liars would be most damaging to the State of Israel – apart from making it a laughing-stock.

But suppose the Pollard caper was in fact a "rogue operation." Surely one or more of the above-mentioned men should be held responsible for the present strain in U.S.-Israeli relations and be called upon to resign. Could Israel's present system of coalition cabinet government sustain such *political integrity*?

Notice, I do not mention the deleterious impact a thorough investigation into the Pollard case would have on the Israel's intelligence services. Far more significant would be the dangers to Israel's present form of government.

IN ANY EVENT, while American politicians and editorialists vent their spleen about Israel in the Pollard affair, some questions should be asked of Israel's detractors. Are there no American espionage agents in Israel? Surely there are, and almost as surely, some of these agents are known to Israel's own intelligence agencies. But of course the government is not about to create a flap over the matter.

But suppose there are no CIA operators in Israel. If so, there can be only one explanation: Israel has been more than forthcoming in sharing intelligence information with Washington. Indeed, former chief of U.S. Air Force Intelligence General George Keegan has said that the intelligence data which Israel provides the U.S. is worth ten CIAs.

Moreover, former Senator J. William Fulbright – no friend of Israel – has admitted *that the information* which Israel provides about Soviet and other weaponry is worth more than all the military and economic assistance she receives from the U.S.

Yet Israel, as a result of the Pollard affair, is accused of ingratitude, of biting the hand that feeds her. These are words for children, not for *men who deal in the coin of international* relations. Let us therefore consult an 18th century, American statesman, Alexander Hamilton, on the subject of gratitude. He writes: "FAITH and justice between nations are virtues of a nature most necessary and sacred...But the same cannot be said of gratitude...If a service is rendered from views relative to the immediate interest of the party who perfoms it, and is productive of reciprocal advantages, there seems scarcely, in such a case, to be an adequate basis for a sentiment like that of gratitude.

It is childish to think that American aid to Israel is disinterested, and it is erroneous to think that the U.S. gives to Israel more than Israel gives to the U.S.

But so long as the government of Israel acts like a beggar, that is, without dignity, Israel will be treated with contempt.

What Israel needs today is *not* a commission of inquiry into the Pollard affair. Needed instead – urgently needed – is a commission of inquiry into the ineradicable defects of Israel's headless form of government. Coalition cabinet government in Israel magnifies rather than mitigates men's vices. This form of government, which consists of self-perpetuating oligarchies, ensures the rule of less than mediocre men, men without backbone or honour, in the absence of which there is no courage, there is no wisdom. This government corrupts Israel's youth and therefore subverts Israel's future.

Israel will drift from one demoralizing crisis to another until it establishes a form of government that rewards wisdom and virtue. Until then it will remain mismanaged by mischievous children posing as men.

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The cult of awareness

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NEW RELIGIOUS movements, more commonly known as cults, emerge to criticize and protest against the political, economic and/or *spiritual situation in the world*. Cults are not new to this century. They have existed since the dawn of man and society. Today's various new movements, over 3,000 in number, each claim to possess their own Absolute Truth. They each have the only solution to the complex problems of life, and each will be the sole survivors of the inevitable doomsday.

It is in their power to raise the spiritual consciousness of the world. They must and can bring individuals to self-enlightenment and spiritual self-fulfillment. They must create a world of meditating, passive, detached people, blindly adoring and obeying their guru as payment for their instant enlightenment.

Meditation techniques strongly resemble hypnosis and/or mind control, and are characterized by diluted vocabulary, special jargon, speaking in tongues, secret rituals, isolation, name changes, and threats of doom. These methods help in forcing an individual to become highly committed and ready to serve his guru. He serves by recruiting new members, transferring all his wordly possessions to the cult, annihilating his self-identity, and waiving his basic human rights to think, choose, criticize and feel.

New movements come in many shapes, sizes and belief systems and may be subgrouped into two major classifications. The first is those groups providing mass therapy but claiming themselves as religions for tax exemption purposes. The second is the religious groups founded on Hindu and Eastern principles but claiming to serve science and the medical world. These lofty ideals translate callously and deliberately into massive conversion attempts and the amassing of enormous wealth, power and control by the gurus.

Currently, world-wide there are an estimated three million to 10 million people actively involved in *these new movements, approximately* 500,000 of whom are Jewish. Most of the devotees come from the middle or upper classes. They are the seekers and the sought after. They naively seek the most in-depth experiences, – the highest high – the tallest peaks, the deepest emotional experiences. They are sought after for their money.

TEN DIFFERENT subcategories can be defined within these classifications:

1. Neo-Christian, evangelist movements.
2. Hindu and Eastern religion based – Hare Krishna, Transcendental Meditation.
3. Occult based
4. Satanic and Witchcraft based
5. Zen based
6. Race based
7. Flying saucer based
8. Psychologically based-EST, Scientology.
9. Spritualistically based-E-MIN
10. Politically based

The Neo-Christian, Hindu and Eastern religion, spiritualistic and psychologically based groups are strongly represented here. These are described in full in the government report recently published on "cults." These groups seek out and find people who are looking for salvation from their psychological problems, and their emotional instabilities. They are exploited, deceived and emotionally abused. They are taught *meditation in order to reach altered* states of consciousness, making reality and their coping mechanisms non-existent.

This process is very similar to the effects achieved by taking drugs or drinking excessively and can be likened to the idea of simply stepping off the world.

ISRAEL faces danger as more and more Jews, and particularly Israelis, become involved in salvation through cultic spiritualism. Subservient indebtedns to a guru for providing the "only and right path" to this spiritualism is one example. Indifferrence to the particular and special needs of Israel, e.g., army service, aliya, *yerida*, is another potential outcome.

On an individual level, the belief systems propounded by any one of these groups are not the real danger. Each person has the right to choose his own belief system. Rather the techniques and methods used by these groups to convert newcomers are dangerous. Even some members of the Hazara Betshuva movement are guilty of abusive techniques.

Missionaries are trained to spot lonely, tired, hungry, frustrated, depressed, disappointed or angry people. They are trained to approach them in friendship and love, and thus bring them to lectures, training sessions, marathons, etc.

The erosion of their ability to think begins with the idea of eliminating ingrained patterns of thought. This creates a mental vacumm which is immediately filled by whatever belief system the group is selling. Constant badgering brings the individual to more intensive indoctrination and induction courses where behaviour is controlled and programmed; attention is focused and narrowed to a trance state; no moments of privacy are allowed; sleep is disturbed, with fatigue as a goal; language and speech is altered or limited; and through a continuous *onslaught of information*, the altered state of consciousness is maintained.

The individual "snaps," personal beliefs give way and he slides into a state of mind in which he can no longer think for himself. The indoctrination proceeds by building on the errors of the individual, on any guilt over minor misdemeanours. He is made to believe that he is evil and can only find salvation by staying with the group.

Parents, family and friends are satanic and a source of conflict. They should therefore be forgotten or ignored. Only the group provides. Work for the group, sustain the group and be free of all evil.

THOSE WHO eventually snap back require intensive rehabilitation. One step towards rehabilitation is counselling and/or psychological treatment which tries to provide the tools for viewing the group in a broader perspective, the implications of membership, the processes of behaviour modification and thought control, the individual's own values, beliefs, thoughts and feelings, and his own free choice. Other important parts of readjustment to society include meaningful work and/or study, acceptance of the individual by family, neighbours and friends. This is a long, costly and demanding period for the ex devotee and those who are surrounding and supportive of him.

Sources of help in Israel are limited. Following the government report, it is hoped that more resources will become available to help families and individuals understand and come to grips with the phenomenon.

Resources today include: The Concerned Parents against Cults, a group providing comfort, information, and understanding; the organization of citizens against Hazara Betshuva; Yad L'Ahim; the Department for Drugs, Cults, Alcohol and Hazara Betshuva at the United Kibbutz Movement. Counselling services are also available at several private clinics and at the clinic for family and child-care at the seminar of the kibbutzim.

More is needed, especially a cult resource and information centre, and a halfway house which would provide room, board, treatment and a stepping stone back into society and the real world. But most important is the need for public awareness and alertness. Let the buyer be aware and beware.

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READERS' LETTERS

GROWTH IN ROMANIA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – We hereby express our full disappointment and strong disapproval with the article called "Signs of rebellion increasing – Hungry Romanians to pay foreign debt by 1990" pointed out in your newspaper on 18 February. This contains totally unrealistic aspects and comments about the economic and social *situation in the Socialist Republic of* Romania.

Such an article is not able to contribute to a truthful information of the people of Israel about our country and is acting against normal and friendly relations between Israel and the Socialist Republic of Romania.

We would point out that the Romanian press could also publish unfavourable news about Israel but our authorities do not allow this, because we want to develop and extend the existing friendly ties between our two countries.

The above-mentioned article is not based on correct and realistic information about our economy and people.

In the period elapsed since the August 1944 triumph of the anti-fascist and anti-imperialist revolution of social and national liberation, Romania has gone through deep-going revolutionary changes in the political, economic and social domains. From an agrarian country, with poorly developed industry and backward agriculture, Romania has turned into an industrial-agrarian country.

As compared with 1944, the industrial production was in 1986 over 115 times bigger. The farm output grew over fivefold and national income more than 32 times. Powerfully developing have been science, education, culture. Over 80 per cent of the population moved to the new houses and the working people's real incomes grew some 7 times as compared with 1950.

Last year the Romanian people have started fulfilling the Eighth Five-Year-Plan (1986-1990), which marks a new socio-economic *development stage. The fundamental* objective of the current five-year plan is Romania's passage to a higher stage, of a medium-developed country.

Consequent to the turning to life of the five-year plan, Romania will inaugurate in 1990 a new stage of socio-economic development, will take a new and important stride towards attaining its goal of becoming by 2000, as stressed by President Nicolae Ceausescu "a multilaterally developed industrial-agrarian country, ensuring living conditions in harmony with scientific requisites, for the healthy physicial and intellectual development of all citizens of the homeland."

GEORGE BOTEA,
Charge d'affaires,
Romanian Embassy

Tel Aviv.

(The article in question was syndicated by the London Observer Service, to which *The Jerusalem Post* subscribes. *Ed., J.P.*

'COLONIAL POWER'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – In response to Arieh Ya'ari's article ("Self-fulfilling prophecy towards the territories," February 15) on the withdrawal of British and French colonial powers from the African and Asian continents, I hope most of your readers realize that there is no valid analogy to Israel's presence in territory inhabited by supporters of an organization dedicated to the overthrow of our country.

The British and French colonial powers had nothing to lose (except public face) by withdrawal. At no time did the people of Algeria, India or Vietnam threaten England and France. This, unfortunately, is not the case in our country

ROSALIND YUNKER

Jerusalem.

PHOTO SELECTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – In view of the fact that your newspaper allots space – more than other Israel papers – to the problems facing Soviet Jewry, I was absolutely astonished that next to the news item on hunger-striking mothers, so long and cruelly separated from their refusenik children, you chose to use up so much space to show a pig, instead of a picture of one of the "Yiddishe Mamas."

I think readers would have been more interested in seeing the picture of the demonstration taking place in Jerusalem.

I still appreciate your informative page on Soviet Jewry.

N. F. GLECER

Jerusalem.

PENFRIENDS

DORIS SCHOEFFMAN (16), of BGM-Bauer Str. 6, D-8475 Wernberg-Koeblitz, West Germany, would like to correspond with young Israelis. Her hobbies are music, art, history and travelling.

THOMAS HEBERLEIN (26), of Beethovenstr. 7, D-3250 Hameln 1, West Germany, is a lawyer who collects stamps and enjoys chess. He would like to have an Israeli penfriend.

PROBE

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possible," which, according to sources in his office, meant "about a month."

No photographers were permitted to record the meeting, in line with Shamir's stress on secrecy, though his advisers were believed to have been irritated that he had passed up an opportunity to provide the American public with tangible proof of the seriousness attached to the probe.

Shamir on Friday also reportedly met with his predecessor, former premier Menachem Begin. (Begin headed the government at the time of the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps massacre in 1982. Public horror at Israel's role then forced the government into an inquiry which it initially sought to conduct on lines similar to the Pollard probe. It was only when Supreme Court Justice Yitzhak Kahane refused to head a panel with limited powers that the Kahane Commission of Inquiry was set up.)

Shamir, in a conversation with *The Jerusalem Post*'s David Landau, has indicated his support for the view that Washington ought to have shared with Jerusalem at least some of the information stolen by Pollard.

In reply to a question on this point last week, Shamir said: "There is an ongoing intelligence-sharing relationship between us. Sometimes it goes better; sometimes less satisfactorily. Of course, we always want it to be as satisfactory as possible. The Pollard affair should not have happened."

ican Jew who worked for U.S. Naval Intelligence.

Peres's surprising comment on Pollard's Israeli bosses came during his TV interview on Friday. He said that "in one case" – Eitan's – he had tried to intervene "although it was *not within my authority*." (Eitan, who set up and headed the secret intelligence organization that recruited and ran Pollard, was made chairman of the board of Israel Chemicals Corporation, a post effectively controlled by Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon.)

While not mentioning Sella by name, Peres said that a decision on his promotion should have been postponed until after Pollard's sentence was announced.

Peres told the Hadassah event that he preferred a government-appointed probe to a commission of inquiry, because the former would be able to work in greater secrecy, and "there is no controversy over the facts."

The Prime Minister's Office yesterday stressed that the panel, which is to be given some secretarial support, could begin work immediately and had no need to wait for government ratification.

Sources said there was no disagreement between Shamir and Peres on the binding nature of the probe's recommendations. They said that Shamir's remarks in Eilat last Thursday, to the effect that the government was not bound to accept the panel's report, had related merely to the formal facts. There will be no limit to the scope of the committee's probe, i.e., the political echelon is open to investigation, the sources said.

That was also the line taken last night by Kaufman, *in a telephone* conversation with *The Jerusalem Post*. "But we shouldn't be so impatient. Let's wait and see," said Kaufman, adding he was perfectly satisfied with the government probe and the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Commmittee's own probe, which is being carried out by a subcommittee dealing with intelligence issues.

Kaufman scored Edri's call for coalition action as "jumping the gun. Isn't the government also the coalition?" he asked. "Who is pushing Edri? Is it Peres, or Rabin?"

Former foreign ministry director-general Shlomo Avineri, yesterday said the Pollard affair had *violated a* long-standing formal agreement between Israel and the U.S. not to spy on each other.

Until now, only an unspoken understanding had been assumed to exist. But Avineri, in a telephone interview with the Associated Press, said: "There has been a formal understanding between the U.S. and Israel not to spy on one another." He refused to elaborate.

"The Pollard episode was in clear violation of that agreement," Avineri said.

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